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The Synod of North Carolina met in its Eighty-sixth Annual Session, Tuesday, October 10th, 1899, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., in the First Presbyterian church, Asheville, N. C., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., from Ezek. 13:22-23.

The Synod was then constituted with prayer by the retiring Moderator, Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.

The following members were present during the session of the Synod: *

1.—Orange Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
D. I. Craig.	J. N. Craig.	Reidsville.
R. W. Culbertson.		
J. McL. Seabrook.	W. D. Wharton.	Buffalo.
D. J. Currie.	J. A. Holmes. [2]	Chapel Hill.
H. S. Bradshaw.		
W. P. McCorkle.		
Joseph Evans.		
C. E. Murray, D. D.		
E. E. Gillespie.		
J. A. Paisley.		
S. S. Oliver.	A. H. Joyce.	Danbury.
R. L. Wharton.		

*The figure after a name denotes the day one takes his seat.

Of the Presbytery of Orange the following ministers were absent: A. Currie, E. W. Smith, D. D., B. B. Palmer, R. E. Caldwell, C. W. Robinson, L. B. Turnbull, D. D., H. D. Lequeux, R. W. George, M. W. Doggett, D. D., S. H. Williamson, W. A. Gillon, Cornelius Miller.- 12.

The following churches were not represented: Asbury, Asheboro, Bethany, Bethel, Bethlehem, Bethesda, Burlington, Calah, Clark Memorial, Cross Roads, Dan River, Elkin, First, Elkin (Colored), Eno, Fairfield, Gilead, Graham, Greensboro, First,

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I.—Orange Presbytery, Continued.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
C. E. Hodgin.	T. G. McLean.	Westminster.
J. W. Goodman.		
Allen Jones, Jr.		
15	W. C. Rankin.	Alamance.
	Geo. W. Watts.	Durham.
	D. L. Withers.	Wentworth.
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II.—Concord Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. Rumple, D. D.	Edwin Shaver.	Salisbury.
W. A. Wood, D. D.	F. A. Sherrill.	Statesville.
J. M. Wharey, D. D.		
J. A. Ramsay, D. D.		
C. A. Munroe.	J. G. Hall.	Lenoir.
W. R. McLelland.		
R. S. Arrowood.	B. F. Phifer.	Third Creek.
J. B. Shearer, D. D.		
A. T. Graham.	S. R. Neel.	Davidson College.
R. W. Boyd.		
W. H. White.		
J. A. Harris.		
J. M. Rose, D. D.		
W. C. Alexander.	P. B. Fetzer.	Concord, First.
L. A. McLaurin.	J. E. Robinson.	Newdale.

Grier's, Hawfields, High Point, Hillsboro, Holloways, Jamestown, Leaksville, Lexington, Little River, Madison, Mebane, Midway, Milton, Mt. Airy, New Hope, North Wilkesboro, Oak Forest, Red House, Rougemont, Roxboro, Saxapahaw, Snow Hill, Springwood, Stanley Creek, Wilkesboro, Winston, Worthville, Yanceyville.—47.

Of Concord Presbytery the following ministers were absent: Wm. W. Pharr D. D., J. W. Davis, D. D., B. L. Beall, L. McKinnon, D. D., E. E. Pressly, J. C. Kennedy, B. Soulier, Edgar Tufts, J. F. Pharr, Cochran Preston.—10.

The following churches were not represented: Back Creek, Banner Elk, Bethany, Bethesda, Bethphage, Blowing Rock, Cannonville, Centre, Cleveland, Clio, Cove Creek, Elk Park, Elmwood, Franklin, Front St., Gilwood, Glen Alpine, Greenlee, Hickory, Mocksville, Mooresville, Morganton, Newton, New Salem, Old Fort, Patterson Mill,

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II.—Concord Presbytery, Continued.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
W. C. Brown.	H. C. Summers.	Concord, (Ire.)
W. J. Tidball.		
J. M. Greenlee.	J. H. Greenlee.	Turkey Cove.
John Wakefield.		
Geo. L. Cook.	I. N. Pharr.	Poplar Tent.
20	J. S. Lafferty.	China Grove.
	J. L. Shepherd.	Fifth Creek.
	P. J. Sinclair.[2]	Marion.
	A. N. Harris.	Rocky River.
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III.—Fayetteville Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
H. G. Hill, D. D.	D. McBryde.	Maxton.
A. N. Ferguson. [2]	H. McN. Lytch [2]	Laurel Hill.
K. M. McIntyre. [2]		
P. R. Law.		
W. T. Thom. [2]		
A. J. McKelway.		
W. R. Coppedge.		
C. G. Vardell.		
H. T. Graham. [2]		
J. P. McMillan, D. D.	W. L. Williams.	Sardis.
10.	D. D. McKinnon. [2]	Wadesville.
	W. B. Eckhout. [2]	Bethesda.
	A. M. McKinnon.	Centre.
	Geo. Wilcox.	Euphronia.
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Pineola, Prospect, Quaker Meadows, Shearer, Sherrill's Ford, Shiloh, Siloam, South River, Spencer, Spruce Pine, Tabor, Taylorsville, Thyatira, Troutman, Unity, Waldensian, White Hall, Zion.—44.

Of the Presbytery of Fayetteville the following ministers were absent: David Fairley, J. S. Black, K. A. McLeod, M. N. McIver, D. W. Fox, A. M. Hassell, M. D. McNeill, L. L. Little, Hugh Craig, W. C. Buchanan, A. McLaughlin, C. H. Dobbs, Jr., R. W. Alexander, C. F. Rankin.—14.

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IV.—Wilmington Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
A. McFadyen.		
A. D. McClure.		
R. V. Lancaster.		
3	B. G. Worth.	Wilmington, First.
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V.—Mecklenburg Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
R. Z. Johnston.		
J. M. Grier.	J. W. Moore.	Huntersville.
J. W. Siler.		
Wm. Black.		
M. C. Arrowood.		
Jonas Barclay.		
J. W. Stagg, D. D.		

The following churches were not represented: Aberdeen, Antioch, Ashpole, Barbacue, Bensalem, Bethel, Bethlehem, Big Rockfish, Bluff, Buffalo, Cameron, Cameronian, Carthage, Ch. of Covenant, Culdee, Cypress, Dunn, Elerbee Spring, Fayetteville, Flat Branch, Galatia, Gulf, Gibson, Hamlet, Haywood, Hillside, Hope Mills, Ida Mills, Iona, Jackson Springs, Jonesboro, Kenley, Laurinburg, Lebanon, Long Creek, Lumber Bridge, Lumberton, Mark's Creek, Macedonia, McMillan, McPherson, Midway, Montpelier, Mt. Vernon, Springs, Oakland, Pee Dee, Philippi, Philadelphus, Pittsboro, Pocket, Reaford, Red Spring, Roberdell, Rockingham, Salem, Sandy Grove, Sanford, Shannon, Sharon, Sherwood, Shiloh, Smithfield, Smyrna, Spout Spring, St. Andrews, St. Paul's, Summerville, Troy, Union, White Hill.—73.

Of Wilmington Presbytery the following ministers were absent: Colin Shaw, James Kelly, Geo. W. McMillan, J. D. Stanford, J. J Hines, Peter McIntyre, S. H. Isler, P. C. Morton, J. E. L. Winecoff, W. M. Shaw, R. M. Williams, D. P. McGeachy.—12.

The following churches were not represented: Beth Carr, Black River, Bladenboro, Benlah, Burgaw, Caswell, Chadbourn, Clarkton, Chinquepin, Clinton, Cobb Mill, Croatan, Crouly, Duplin Road, Elizabethtown, Faison, Grove, Harmony, Hebron, Hopewell, Hub, Immannel, Keith, Maple Hill, Mt. Horeb, Mt. Olive, Mt. William, Mt. Zion, New Hope, Oakplains, Pike Pollocksville, Richlands, Rockfish, St. Andrews, South River, Smith's, Southport, Stanford, Sweet Home, Topsail, Verona, Warsaw, White Hall, Whiteville, Whiteplains, Wildwood. - 47.

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V.—Mecklenburg Presbytery, Continued.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
R. D. Stimson.	J. S. Abernethy.	Hopewell.
T. M. Lowry.		
J. R. Howerton, D. D.	A. Graham.	Charlotte, First.
M. McG. Shields.	B. G. Bradley.	Gastonia.
H. W. Hoon.		
Wm. R. Minter.		
G. T. Thompson.		
T. C. Croker. [3]		
S. L. Cathey.		
J. R. Millard.		
J. R. Bridges. [2]		
W. O. Samples.	O. W. Potts.	Banks.
19	W. W. Alexander.	Carmel.
	F. A. Henderson.	Castanea.
	W. A. Cannon. [2]	Columbus.
	J. W. Brown.	King's Mountain.
	Frank Robinson.	Lowell.
	W. D. Glenn.	Olney.
	W. W. Gibson.	Paw Creek.
	D. W. Mays.	Ramah.
	C. A. Spratt.	Steel Creek.
	D. C. McDonald.	Waxhaw.
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Of Mecklenburg Presbytery the following ministers were absent : J. J. Kennedy, R. A. Miller, J. R. McAlpine, S. C. Boyce, Roger Martin, D. D., J. W. Moore, G. A. Sparrow, H. M. Dixon, S. W. Newell, R. P. Smith, R. C. Morrison, A. A. Little, T. F. Boozer, J. S. Shaw, T. J. Allison, M. A. Henderson, Wm. A. Wynne, J. A. Dorrittee, S. H. Spenser, J. A. McMurray, A. H. Temple, J. J. Harrell.—22.

The following churches were not represented : Albemarle, Alton, Amity, Barclay, Belmont, Bessemer City, Bethel, Bethlehem, Beulah, (S), Beulah, (C), Charlotte, 2nd, Cherryville, Cook's Memorial, Dallas, Drusilla, Duncan's Creek, Forest City, Goshen, Graham St., Henrietta, Hephzibah, Ironton, Lebanon, Lincolnton, Little Britain, Long Creek, Machpelah, Mallard Creek, Matthews, Mooresboro, Monroe, Morven, Mulberry, Mizpah, Newell, New Hope, Norwood, Pleasant Hill, Providence, Pineville, Philadelphia, Polkton, Robinson, Rutherfordton, Sandy Plains, Salem, Siler, Stanley Creek, Sugar Creek, Sharon, Stevens, Shiloh, Shelby, Union, Unity, Wadesboro, Waco, Wms. Memorial, Westminster.—59.

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VI.—Albemarle Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
C. N. Wharton.		
Wm. T. Walker.		
J. B. Morton.		
E. D. Brown. [2]		
A. S. Caldwell.		
A. R. Shaw.		
6	James Dinwiddie. [2]	Raleigh, First.
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VII.—Asheville Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
E. A. Sample.		
J. T. Wade. [2]		
R. F. Campbell, D. D.	B. R. Fakes.	Asheville, First.
J. L. Wicker.	M. J. Orr.	Brevard.
S. C. Caldwell. [2]	L. C. Neill.	Davidson River.
E. Mac. Davis.		
H. R. Overcash.	James J. Osborne.	Mills River.
F. D. Hunt.	D. M. Killiam.	Waynesville.
O. C. Weller.		
9	A. T. Summey.	Southside.
	W. C. Connell.	Huntersville.
	W. S. Terrell.	Bethel.
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Of Albemarle Presbytery the follwing Ministers were absent: F. H. Johnston, D. D., Eugene Daniel, D. D., F. W. Farries, C. M. Payne, D. D., James Thomas, G. L. Leyburn, D. D., L. C. Vass.—7.

The following churches were not represented: Atkinson Memorial, Aurora, Cann Memorial, Dover, Falkland, Geneva, Goldsboro, Grassy Creek, Greenville, Henderson, LaGrange, Littleton, Louisburg, Mackey's Ferry, Nahalah, New Bern, Nut Bush, Oakhill, Olivet, Oxford, Parmele, Roanoke, Rocky Mount, Shiloh, Strickland, Tarboro, Warrenton, Washington, Wilson, Young Memorial.—30.

Of Asheville Presbytery the following ministers were absent: D. T. Towles, J. B. Cochrane, A. Walker White.—3.

The following churches were not represented: Andrews, Bryson City, Centre, Dillsboro, Franklin, Haysville, Midway, Morrison, Oak Forest, Swannanoa, Upper Joy.—11.

Ministers present, 82; Ruling Elders, 54; total, 136.

Rev. Wm. Black, of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, was chosen Moderator; and Rev. P. R. Law, of Fayetteville Presbytery, and Rev. W. C. Alexander, of Concord Presbytery, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The minutes of the last meeting having been printed were approved without reading.

Rev. J. A. Lumpkin and Rev. J. N. Craig, D. D., of the Synod of Memphis, Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., of the Synod of Alabama, and Rev. Thos. H. Law, D. D., of the Synod of South Carolina, were invited to sit as corresponding members, and were introduced to the Synod.

It was made the Order of the Day to-morrow (Wednesday) at 10 a. m. to hear Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., in behalf of Publication and Colportage; at 10:30, a. m., to hear Rev. J. H. Lumpkin in the interest of Ministerial Education; and at 3:30 p. m., to hear Rev. J. N. Craig, D. D., in behalf of General Assembly's Home Missions.

The following were fixed as the hours for daily sessions: from 9 a. m. to 11 a. m.; from 3 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.; and from 7:30 p. m. to adjourn at will.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 a. m. Closed with prayer by Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, October 11th, 1899.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod convened at 9 a. m. and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. C. G. Vardell.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES.—Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., W. R. McLelland, J. M. Grier, C. A. Munroe and Ruling Elders W. C. Rankin and D. McBryde.

2. JUDICIAL COMMITTEE.—Rev. D. I. Craig, J. M. Wharey, D. D., J. P. McMillan, D. D., and Ruling Elders B. G. Worth and P. B. Fetzer.

3. ADDRESS TO THE CHURCHES.—Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., J. B. Morton, A. McFadyen, A. S. Caldwell and Ruling Elders W. D. Wharton and J. S. Lafferty.

4. SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.—Rev. E. C. Murray, D. D., W. C. Brown, Jonas Barclay, E. Mac. Davis and Ruling Elder S. R. Neel.

5. MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—Rev. R. V. Lancaster, J. B. Morton, C. G. Vardell, W. C. Alexander and Ruling Elders D. M. Killiam and A. T. Summey.

6. UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Rev. J. W. Stagg, D. D., R. S. Arrowood, F. D. Hunt, Wm. H. White and Ruling Elder J. N. Craig.

Presbyterial Records.

7. TREASURER'S BOOK.—Ruling Elder A. Graham, Rev. D. J. Currie, C. N. Wharton, R. D. Stimson.

8. TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.—Rev. T. M. Lowry, S. S. Oliver, J. W. Goodman, L. A. McLaurin and Ruling Elder J. L. Shepherd.

9. DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., J. W. Siler and Ruling Elder B. R. Fakes.

10. STATISTICAL REPORTS.—Rev. W. R. Coppedge, M. McG. Shields, W. P. McCorkle, J. A. Harris and Ruling Elder J. G. Hall.

11. SYNODICAL RECORDS.—Rev. A. D. McClure, John Wakefield, H. W. Hoon and Ruling Elder D. C. McDonald.

12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Rev. J. A. Howerton, D. D., W. A. Minter, A. J. McKelway, A. R. Shaw and Ruling Elder George Wilcox.

PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS.

ORANGE.—Rev. A. T. Graham, W. J. Tidball and Ruling Elder I. N. Pharr.

CONCORD.—Rev. Joseph Evans, S. L. Cathey and Ruling Elder D. L. Withers.

FAYETTEVILLE.—Rev. G. T. Thompson, J. L. Wicker and Ruling Elder W. C. Connell.

WILMINGTON.—Rev. E. A. Sample, J. A. Paisley and Ruling Elder T. G. McLean.

MECKLENBURG.—Rev. Geo. L. Cook, J. McL. Seabrook and Ruling Elder L. C. Neill.

Communications. Reports. Records.

ALBEMARLE.—Rev. M. C. Arrowood, H. R. Overcash and Ruling Elder F. A. Sherrill.

ASHEVILLE.—Rev. C. E. Hodgin, W. O. Sample and Ruling Elder Frank Robinson.

Rev. D. Clay Lilly, of the Synod of Alabama, was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and was introduced to the Synod.

Rev. C. G. Vardell was appointed temporary Chairman of the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

A communication from Rev. Dr. Jacobs, concerning the appointment by this Synod of two members of the Board of Visitors of Thornwell Orphanage, was read and referred to the Board of Regents of the Orphans' Home.

A communication from the General Assembly's Committee on Church and Christian Education was read and referred to the Committee on Church and Christian Education.

The reports of the Presbyteries on Systematic Beneficence, Narrative and Statistics were presented and referred to their appropriate committees.

The records of the Presbyteries and of the Synod were presented and referred to their respective committees.

The Treasurer's report was read and referred to the Committee on Treasurer's Books. It is as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Rev. J. Alston Ramsay, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of North Carolina, for the year ending October 5th, 1899:

Treasurer's Report. Orders of Day.

RECEIPTS:

Balance from last year					$ 66.30
From Wilmington Presbytery,		assessment,	1898-'99	. .	40.00
" Orange	"	balance of	"	1897-'98 . .	27.50
" Orange	"	one-half	"	1898-'99 . .	27.50
" Concord	"	balance of	"	1897-'98 . .	15.00
" Concord	"		"	1898-'99 . .	60.00
					$236.30

DISBURSEMENTS:

Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D.	$ 2.55	
J. A. Brady, printing Minutes, 1898.	133.70	
Stated Clerk, on account.	100.05	$236.30

DUE FROM PRESBYTERIES:

Orange Presbytery,	½ assessment,	1898–'99.		$ 27.50
Fayetteville "	"	1897–'98.		60.00
Fayetteville "	"	1898–'99.		60.00
Mecklenburg "	"	1897–'98.		65.00
Mecklenburg "	"	1898–'99.		65.00
Albemarle "	"	1898–'99.		20.00
Asheville "	"	1897–'98.		15.00
Asheville "	"	1898–'99.		15.00
				$327.50

Respectfully submitted,

J. ALSTON RAMSAY,

Hickory, N. C., October 5th, 1899. Treasurer.

The Committee on Union Theological Seminary was directed to nominate persons to fill the vacancies on the Board of Directors.

It was made the second Order of the Day this afternoon to hear Rev. D. Clay Lilly in behalf of Colored Evangelization, and the third Order of the Day this afternoon to hear the report on the Bible Cause, and the address of Rev. Thos. H. Law, D. D., in connection with the report.

Place of Next Meeting. Orders of Day. Communion.

It was made the first Order of the Day to-morrow (Thursday) morning to hear the report on Church and Christian Education.

The nomination of Trustees of Synod was referred to the Committee on the Trustees of the Synod.

Raleigh was chosen as the place for the next meeting of the Synod; and Prof. James Dinwiddie and Rev. J. M. Wharey, D. D., and A. McFadyen were appointed a committee to nominate the time.

It was ordered that 600 copies of the Minutes of the present session of the Synod be printed.

The Order of the Day was taken up, and Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., was heard in the interest of Publication and Colportage. The following resolution was presented and adopted:

RESOLVED, That Synod has heard with great interest the address of the Secretary of Publication; rejoices in the prosperous condition of the work and pledges its hearty co-operation in sustaining and enlarging it.

The second Order of the Day was taken up, and Synod heard Rev. J. H. Lumpkin in behalf of Ministerial Education.

Rev. J. M. Wharey, D. D., was appointed temporary Chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Education.

The Synod then took recess for five minutes, after which the Synod united in the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., conducted the devotional exercises and preached the sermon.

The Synod took recess until 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., was made Chairman of the Committee on Bills and Overtures in the place of Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.

Rev. Wm. H. White presented the following Overture, which was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures:

The General Assembly is most respectfully overtured to give the interpretation of paragraph 104, last sentence, in connection with paragraph 128, last sentence, as to whether members voting for a Pastor, Elder or Deacon, or in receiving their resignation, shall be required to be present in person, or can church members in good standing be permitted to vote by proxy?

The Order of the Day was then called, and the Synod heard Rev. J. N. Craig, D. D., in the interest of Assembly's Home Missions. A collection was taken for the Invalid Fund amounting to $25.00.

It was made the Order of the Day at 10 a. m. to-morrow (Thursday) to consider the interests of the "Presbyterian Standard."

Rev. C. W. Byrd, D. D., of the M. E. Church, South, was invited to sit as a visiting brother, and Rev. Thos. Lawrence, D. D., of the Synod of Tennessee, was invited to sit as a corresponding member; and both were introduced to the Synod.

Rev. Thos. Lawrence, D. D., President of the Normal and Collegiate Institute, invited the Synod to visit the Institute to-morrow afternoon; and Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., in behalf of the Asheville church, invited the Synod to an excursion to the Vanderbilt estate to-morrow at 2:30 p.

m. Both of these invitations were accepted with the thanks of the Synod.

It was made the Order of the Day at 11 a. m. to-morrow (Thursday) to hear the report of the Regents of the Orphans' Home.

It was ordered that the report of the Committee on Peace Institute be read to-morrow in connection with the report on Church and Christian Education.

The Order of the Day was called, and Rev. D. Clay Lilly addressed the Synod in the interest of Colored Evangelization.

Rev. E. W. Williams and Rev. S. G. Walker, of the Afro-American Presbyterian Church in the United States, were invited to sit as corresponding members and were introduced to the Synod.

The Order of the Day having arrived, Rev. Thomas H. Law, D. D., addressed the Synod in behalf of the Bible Cause.

The Committee to examine the records of Concord Presbytery, Rev. Joseph Evans, Chairman, reported that they had examined the records "and found all correct and orderly," and recommend their approval. The report was received and adopted.

Synod took recess until 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Rev. James I. Vance, D. D., of the Synod of Nashville, was invited to sit as a corresponding member and was introduced to Synod.

The Committee on Foreign Missions, Rev. A. T. Graham, Chairman, presented their annual report. Pending action on this report, the Synod heard Rev. R. L. Wharton, who is under appointment to the Cuban mission, and Rev. James I. Vance, D. D., of the Assembly's Executive Committee.

A collection was taken for Foreign Missions amounting to $84.58.

The report of the Committee was then approved and its recommendation adopted. It is as follows:

RESOLVED, That the Synod of North Carolina raise $25.000 for Foreign Missions.

The following minutes touching the death of ministers deceased since the last meeting of the Synod were presented.

REV. A. K. POOL.

Alonza Knox Pool was the son of W. R. Pool, of Aberdeen, N. C., and was born January 10th, 1866, in the stronghold of Scotch Presbyterianism, and died at Democrat, near Asheville, August 7th, 1899, in his thirty-fourth year.

He entered Davidson College in 1889, and graduated with the degree of A. B. in 1893. He spent the next two years at Union Theological Seminary, Va., and a third year at Louisville Seminary, graduating there in 1896.

He was licensed to preach September 18th, and ordained October 27th, 1896, by Concord Presbytery, with a view to the Foreign Missionary work. But a kind Father ordered otherwise. He took temporary work under the direction of Concord church in Concord Presbytery and had the pastoral care of Patterson Mill church from its organization, September,

1896, till his work was terminated March 1st, 1897, by a serious nervous prostration which impaired his reason for a time. After a season of successful treatment he was restored to health, but not to full strength. For more than a year after this he assisted Rev. Wm. Black, Evangelist of the Synod of North Carolina, preaching, but especially singing, the gospel with great power and unction. The sweet singer of the Synod of North Carolina is heard here no more, but he still sings the praises of redeeming love, with a harp in his hands and a crown on his head, where there is no more sickness and no more death.

REV. K. McDONALD.

Rev. Kenneth McDonald was born in Cumberland county, N. C., May 24th, 1840, and departed this life near Black River church, of which he was pastor, in Sampson county, N. C., May 19th, 1899. His father and grandfather were born in Scotland, and he was a Scotch Presbyterian to the day of his death.

Early in life he gave his heart to his Saviour. He was educated at Bingham School, Davidson College and Union Seminary, Hampden Sidney, Va. He was licensed to preach the gospel at Ashepole church in April, 1874, and ordained at Mt. Horeb in the fall of 1876. He married Miss Laura E. McDuffie, Nov. 8th, 1876. She was his faithful helpmeet to his death and lives to mourn her loss. He served faithfully and bravely the cause of the Confederacy in the war between the States. In after years as Evangelist and pastor he served with equal fidelity the Master whom he loved. He is therefore greatly missed by the children of others whom he aided and trained, by the churches he served and in all our Church Courts. As a friend and fellow-Presbyter he is held in especial and loving memory.

REV. JOSEPH CROCKARD.

The late Rev. Joseph Crockard was born at Sarnia, Canada, April 1st, 1867, and died in Charlotte, N. C., January 6th, 1899.

At the age of fourteen he attended the Grammar School in Sarnia, where he took his certificate with honor; he afterward attended the Normal School in Toronto; in October, 1887, he entered the University of Toronto with a view of entering the ministry; here he spent two years, when he entered Knox College, Toronto, to take a full Theological Course.

He was always noted for being a very close student, and while at Knox College his health failed him, and at the end of two years, at the earnest request of his medical advisers, he sought a milder climate and removed to the Seminary at Columbia, S. C. He took a high stand in this institution and graduated from it in the spring of 1894.

He was immediately called to the charge of Summerton, Wedgefield and Tirzah churches, in the Presbytery of Harmony, and was ordained by this Presbytery and installed over this field. He labored here for two years very faithfully, with great acceptance to the people. He was called to Mulberry church, in Mecklenburg Presbytery, and acted as Stated Supply of Sharon church, and afterward of Mount Holly. He was finally settled as pastor of Mulberry and Mt. Holly churches. These two churches he served most faithfully till the Master called him to the higher service.

A young man himself, he was always very much interested in the young people, and endeavored throughout his short ministry to win them for the Master—to labor with him in His vineyard.

Young and old loved him and gave many tokens of their love during his short illness. His last sermon was from II Cor. 5:20: "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ." He said he hoped at some future time to preach from the latter part of the verse, but God, in His wise providence, willed it otherwise, for the day following he became ill; the disease in a few days showed very serious systems; he was taken to St. Peter's Hospital, Charlotte, an operation was performed, and although he rallied afterward, recovery was found to be impossible. Throughout his illness he was perfectly resigned, willing to live and labor if God saw fit to restore him to his loved ones and to his work; but ready to go if God called him, feeling that all was well, that underneath him were the everlasting

arms. During his last moments he spoke to those about him, saying he had no fear, Christ had been all his trust through life, and he knew He would not forsake him at death. He left a message for each of his churches, and spoke often about his dear people. His last words were "To live is Christ, to die is gain." "Whosoever will," "that means me." "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." His physician said he never saw a more triumphant death. A service was held in the First Church, Charlotte, N. C., conducted by Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., and Rev. W. A. Wynne, after which his remains were taken to Canada, and laid to rest in Lake View Cemetery, at Sarnia.

Tender remarks were made by several members of the Synod, after which the Memorials were adopted by a rising vote, and the Synod was led in prayer by Rev. A. D. McClure; and the Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock a. m.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, Oct. 12th, 1899.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met according to adjournment and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. C. Alexander.

The minutes of the second day's session were read and approved.

The Committee on Colored Evangelization, Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., Chairman, presented their report, which was received and adopted. (See Appendix.)

Tuesday November 14th, 1900, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. was fixed as the time for the next meeting of the Synod.

Presbyterial Records. Peace Institute.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, Rev. R. V. Lancaster, Chairman, reported that "they find nothing requiring the action of Synod." The report was received and approved.

The Committee to examine the Records of Wilmington Presbytery, Rev. E. A. Sample, Chairman, reported recommending their approval. The report was received and adopted.

The Committee to examine the records of Fayetteville Presbytery, Rev. G. T. Thompson, Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

"Your Committee would respectfully report that they have attended to this duty and find the records very neatly kept and in accord with the Standards of the Church."

The Committee to examine the records of Orange Presbytery, Rev. A. T. Graham, Chairman, reported that "they have examined the same and commend the neat and attractive manner in which they are kept. We recommend their approval without exception." The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Peace Institute, Rev. Eugene Daniel, D. D., Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and approved and the Committee was discharged:

1. Your Committee is happy to announce to Synod that the stock of Peace Institute is now under the control of a loyal son of our Church. The controlling interest in this stock, until recently owned by the heirs of the late Stanhope Pullen, has been purchased by President James Dinwiddie. This fact gives great relief to those who feared that the property might be alienated from our Church.

2. Since your Committee was appointed, several years ago, the condi-

tions of educational work in the Synod of North Carolina have undergone great change. Various Presbyterial Schools have been organized. Your Committee can see that the Synod might be embarrassed if asked, by adopting one of these, to discriminate against the others. Moved by a sense of justice and fraternal regard for the welfare of others, your Committee would refrain from a request, which, a few years ago, might have been made with entire propriety. Such a request is the less necessary because, as your Committee has learned and is happy to report, Peace Institute has already been received under the joint care and supervision of the two closely related Presbyteries—Albemarle and Orange. Content with reporting this new relationship, and asking for the school under it the continued prayers and the broad patronage of the Synod, your Committee would submit this as its final report, and ask to be discharged.

The Committee on Church and Christian Education, Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., Chairman, presented their report, which was received and approved, and the recommendations adopted. They are as follows:

1. That Synod formally approve and adopt the Assembly's paper on Church and Christian Education in lieu of previous action and spread the "Constitution of Presbyterian Church Schools" and the "Plan of Organization" on their minutes for convenience of reference, and also reappoint the Committee on Church and Christian Education under the Assembly's paper.

2. That Synod make the same apportionments for this cause as heretofore, viz.: Orange, $250; Concord, $300; Fayetteville, $300; Wilmington, $200; Mecklenburg, $300; Albemarle, $100; Asheville, $50; total, $1500.

The Order of the Day was called, and Rev. A. J. McKelway addressed the Synod in the interest of the "Presbyterian Standard."

Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., A. R. Shaw, H. G. Hill, D. D., and J. M. Rose, D. D., were appointed a special committee to report on the subject matter of this address.

Rev. F. D. Thomas, of the Synod of Georgia, and Rev.

A. B. Morse, of the Synod of New York, were invited to sit as corresponding members and were introduced to the Synod.

The "Constitution for Presbyterian Schools" and "Plan of Organization" adopted by the Assembly and endorsed by this Synod are as follows:

CONSTITUTION FOR PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOLS.

1. A school founded by a congregation, or by two or more contiguous congregations, shall be called a Westminster school.

2. The sole government of the school shall be in the hands of a Board of Trustees, not less than three nor more than six, who shall be appointed by the session or sessions of the churches founding the school, for terms of one, two and three years, and the session or sessions shall fill vacancies as they occur, electing for three year terms. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum. The trustees in all cases must be male communicants in the Presbyterian Church.

3. The school shall be limited in its scope and design to primary and preparatory education for males or females, or both.

4. The Bible shall be used as a text book throughout the school in such measure and proportion as the Board may determine, so as to make the school distinctively a Christian school, and the Standards of the Church, especially the Shorter Catechism, also, as far as it may be found practicable. The school shall be opened each day with suitable devotional exercises. It is very desirable that the pupils be trained in vocal sacred music.

5. The Board of Trustees shall elect a president, secretary, and treasurer from their own number annually, and shall employ such teachers and other agencies as may be necessary.

6. The Board shall have power to raise and disburse moneys, and to hold property in trust for the furtherance of the objects of the school, and when necessary may secure articles of incorporation.

7. The Board shall adopt their own by-laws, subject to the limitations of this constitution, which constitution shall be of the nature of a fundamental law to the Board in the execution of their trust.

8. In case it shall ever prove desirable to secure a charter of incorpo-

ration, the provisions of this constitution shall be incorporated into the charter, or else adopted as a fixed part of the by-laws.

9. In founding, developing and administering the school the Boards shall be careful not to incur debt.

10. This constitution, "mutatis mutandis," is recommended to the Presbyteries and Synods for the founding of educational institutions of any grade.

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION.

In futherance of this cause of Church and Christian Education, your Committee would recommend the Assembly to approve and adopt the following plan of organization for systematic effort throughout the Church, which plan substantially has been in operation for some years in the four Synods of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, and has been productive of excellent results in many places. To-wit:

1. That the General Assembly appoint a Committee on Church and Christian Education, and urge the Synods and Presbyteries throughout the Church to appoint similar committees, the duty of all of which committees shall be to gather and disseminate information and excite interest in Church and Christian education as best they may, and make annual reports to their respective bodies on this subject. These committees ought to be organized as permanent committees similar to those which have charge of other departments of Christian work.

2. The Chairman of the Assembly's Committee shall be the organ of communication with the Chairman of the several Synodical and Presbyterial Committees.

3. The Assembly urges upon the ministers under its charge to preach and instruct the people on the duty and necessity of providing as far as possible, for the education of our sons and daughters, giving special emphasis to the cause of female education.

4. That Synods, Presbyteries, sessions, officers and private members of the Church be exhorted and encouraged to provide in every possible way for schools, both primary and preparatory, in which the Bible shall be a text book.

5. That the Presbyteries are urged to prepare and circulate pastoral letters on this subject to all our people.

Maj. Robert Bingham was introduced to the Synod and invited its members to visit his school at "Bingham Heights," and the Synod returned thanks therefor.

The following resolutions touching Foreign Missions and the address of Rev. James I. Vance, D. D., were adopted :

1. Synod has heard with great pleasure and profit the able, interesting and inspiring address of Rev. James I. Vance, D. D., the representative and also member of the Assembly's Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, and hereby tenders him thanks for the same.

2. In accord with the spirit of the address all ministers are urged, in conjunction with the sessions, to adopt such scriptural methods of collecting the offerings of their respective charges as will attain to this standard of liberality, i.e. The largest possible gift from every church and from every member of every church ; the largest possible gift from every Sabbath school, and from every missionary organization in every church of our Synod.

3. It is urged that the minimum standard of liberality to which we strive to obtain for the present ecclesiastical year be one dollar per member, and that we labor to bring each congregation ultimately to contribute to the cause of Foreign Missions an amount equal to that given for the support of the pastor.

Synod took recess for five minutes.

After recess the Synod reconvened, and heard the report on the Orphans' Home, presented by Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., President of the Board of Regents. After reading, the report was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. W. R. Coppedge, W. T. Walker, F. D. Hunt, A. McFadyen, and Ruling Elders Arch'd Graham and Edwin Shaver.

Synod took recess until 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Rev. E. E. Gillespie, Superintendent, presented the annual report on Synodical Home Missions. Addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. J. B. Morton, E. MacDavis, and Allen Jones, Jr. A collection was taken amounting to $90.75.

The report was then docketed for further consideration.

The following action was taken in reference to the Colored Industrial and Academical Institute, of North Wilkesboro:

It was ordered that the Trustees of Synod, or other Trustees who may hold the title to the following named property, transfer and convey to the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterion Church in the United States all of the rights, title and interest of the said Synod in and to the "Colored Industrial and Academical Institute," located at North Wilkesboro, N. C., UPON CONDITION that said General Assembly, through its Committee of Colored Evangelization, assume all the outstanding liabilities of said Synod on account of said Colored Industrial and Academical Institute.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 a. m. Closed with prayer by Rev. W. T. Walker.

FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, October 13th, 1899.

MORNING SESSION.

Synod met at 9 a. m. and was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. John Wakefield.

The minutes of the third day's session were read and approved.

The Committee of Publication and Colportage, Rev. A. D. McClure, Chairman, presented its report, which was received and adopted.

Rev. A. D. McClure tendered his resignation as Chairman of this Committee, which was accepted; and Rev. R. D. Stimson was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Board of Regents of the South Atlantic University, reported progress. The report was received as information.

Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., was re-elected a Regent to succeed himself.

Mr. L. Shaw was elected to fill the place on the Committee of Church and Christian Education, made vacant by the death of Capt. S. C. Rankin.

The Committee to examine the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery, Rev. Geo. L. Cook, Chairman, presented a report, which was received and adopted; and the exception sustained and ordered to be noted on the records.

The Committee on the Trustees of Synod, Rev. T. M. Lowry, Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

No reports or papers of any kind have been placed in the hands of your Committee. We recommend the re-election of the former Board of Trustees with the exception that Mr. F. A. Sherrill be put in the place of Mr. E. B. Stimson, deceased.

The Committee on the Treasurer's book, Mr. A. Graham,

Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

The Committee would report that they have examined the Treasurer's books, and find the same neatly and properly kept, and the disbursements are all verified by well authenticated receipts, covering the entire amount in the Treasurer's hands.

Your committee further reports that Orange Presbytery owes one-half assessment . . . . . 1898-'99.
Fayetteville Presbytery assessment . . . . . 1897-'98.
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Albemarle " " . . . . . 1898-'99.
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and would urge that the same be forwarded to the Synod's Treasurer with as little delay as possible.

The Committee to examine the records of Asheville Presbytery, Rev. C. E. Hodgin, Chairman, reported that "we have found nothing in these records calling for criticism by the Synod. They have been carefully and neatly kept, and we recommend their approval without exception." The report was received and adopted.

The Committee to examine the Records of Synod, Rev. A. D. McClure, Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

Your committee would report with pleasure that we find the records of Synod carefully, neatly and methodically kept, and that our Stated Clerk is worthy of all praise for the thorough doing of all this part of his work.

The Committee on Bible Cause, Rev. H. S. Bradshaw, Chairman, presented a report, which was received and ap-

proved, and the recommendations adopted. They are as follows:

1. That our Presbyterial Agents and Chairmen resort to some better methods of bringing this worthy cause to the attention of pastors and churches at the time the collection is to be taken, and that the churches be urged to more hearty and liberal support of it.

2. We recommend for the careful consideration of this Synod what our last General Assembly said upon this subject: "We believe that, as in the first full proclamation of the gospel at Pentecost every man heard the gospel in his own tongue, this fact is significant of an intention in God's providence that every man shall have the gospel in his own vernacular. Hence we hail with pleasure the information that since the beginning of this century the foreign versions and translations (of the Scriptures) have increased from about fifty to already four hundred."

In view of that fact and the splendid prospect of the Society's efficiency in the near future on enlarged plans, our Assembly futher says: "We urge unusual liberality to this cause."

Let us open our ears and our hearts to the cordial invitations of this Society, and heed the instruction of our highest Court, and thus obey the injunction of the Great Head of the Church, to evangelize the world, and, by all means, come to the "help of the Lord against the mighty."

The Committee on Union Theological Seminary, Rev. J. W. Stagg, D. D., Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

No report from the Trustees of the Seminary has been forwarded to the Synod for the last year's work of the insitution. Your Committee cannot therefore do more than call attention to the very gratifying success that has attended the work of the Seminary in its new home in Richmond, and prays the continued favor and larger blessing of God upon this all-important work of our beloved Church.

The Committee recommend, that in view of the removal from our bounds of Rev. Dr. P. H. Hoge, and Rev. W. B. Arrowood, that Rev. A. McFadyen be elected to succeed Dr. Hoge, and that Rev. P. R. Law be elected to succeed Rev. W. B. Arrowood. The term of office of Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., and Prof. H. L. Smith, Ph. D., expires at this meeting. Your committee recommend their re-election for another term.

Home Missions.

The report of the Synod's Committee of Home Missions was taken from the docket. Its recommendations were adopted, and the report as a whole adopted. The recommendations are as follows:

1. That the present Superintendent, the Rev. E. E. Gillespie, be re-elected Superintendent for the ensuing year.

2. Synod, recognizing its obligation and privilege of sending the gospel to the many destitute sections within our bounds, and being encouraged by the signal blessing attending the labors of our faithful evangelists, re-affirms its purpose to prosecute more vigorously the work already inaugurated and to open new fields as rapidly as the liberality of God's people will permit.

3. In view of the fact that there are thirteen counties in Albemarle Presbytery in which there is not a single Presbyterian church, Synod recommends the appropriation of additional funds for the development of new points of labor within its bounds as our means may justify.

4. To the end that our present work may be sustained and new fields may be occupied, Synod undertakes to raise the sum of $6,000.00 through the June and September collections, and apportions this sum among the Presbyteries as follows:

Mecklenburg	$1100.00
Fayetteville	1100.00
Wilmington	875.00
Orange	1100.00
Concord	1100.00
Albemarle	500.00
Asheville	225.00
	$6000.00

5. That all the pastors and evangelists heartily support the Superintendent in raising funds for sustaining and enlarging our work, by welcoming him to their churches and earnestly co-operating with him in his efforts to secure liberal contributions from their congregations.

6. That Synod expresses its gratification at the excellent work accomplished by our Colporteurs and day school teachers and does most heartily endorse the recommendation of the Assembly in reference to Parochial Schools.

7. That the Sunday schools devote one collection annually to be taken up in the month of September to the cause of Synodical Home Missions.

8. Synod expresses its gratification at the zeal with which the Presbyteries have been prosecuting their work and at the increased contributions to the cause of Assembly's Missions and recommends that these branches of our mission work be worthily sustained.

9. That Synod with sincere appreciation of the valuable assistance received from the Committee of Publication through Rev. Jas. K. Hazen, D. D., does most heartily commend the cause of Colportage and Publication to the cordial support of God's people.

Rev. J. M. Wharey, D. D., Chairman pro tem, presented the report on Ministerial Education, which was received and adopted. (See Appendix.)

Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., Agent of Assembly's Home Missions, reported that in view of the address of Rev. Dr. Craig, and the facts thus given, he had nothing further of interest to present. The report was received and approved.

The Board of Regents, Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., President, to whom was referred the communication of Rev. Dr. Jacobs, presented the following which was adopted:

In answer to the request of the Board of Visitors of the Thornwell Orphanage to appoint two members of said Board from the Synod of North Carolina:

RESOLVED: That the request of the Board of Visitors of the Thornwell Orphanage be not granted.

In re-electing Rev. E. E. Gillespie Superintendent of Synodical Home Missions for the ensuing year, the following was adopted:

The Synod in re-electing Rev. E. E. Gillespie as Superintendent of Synodical Missions desires to express its high appreciation of his labors since he has accepted the work and most heartily commends him and his work to the support and liberality of our churches.

Orphans' Home.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Regents of the Orphans' Home, Rev. W. R. Coppedge, Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

1. The Synod recognizes with profound gratitude the blessing of God that has so obviously rested upon the institution for the past year, and urges upon our ministers the duty of remembering it with greater frequency in their public prayers.

2. The need of a cottage for the Superintendent, and of a printing press is recognized as essential to the highest degree of success in the work, and the Board of Regents is still authorized and encouraged to solicit funds from our people to secure these additions to the equipment, at as early a date as possible.

3. We recommend to the patronage of our people "Our Fatherless Ones" and recommend to our sessions the appointment of an agent in each congregation to canvass for subscriptions to this paper.

4. We urge upon all our ministers the duty of informing their congregations and Sunday Schools of the needs of support fund, and of showing that in view of the increased number of children to be provided for, it will be necessary to increase largely the contributions to this object. To secure the necessary support we recommend that a monthly collection be secured from as many of our Sunday Schools as possible, that more general contributions be asked for on Thanksgiving Day, that an offering be made wherever practicable during the Christmas holidays, that Ladies' Societies be asked to aid in clothing the children, that contributions of supplies be sent for the pantry, and that each church in the Synod be asked for a collection one Sabbath in June. We also recommend that the Presbyteries, at their Spring meetings, take such action as may be necessary, calling the attention of their churches to the claims of the Home.

5. The Synod wishes to express its appreciation of the services of the Superintendent and his corps of helpers who have discharged their duties with such marked efficiency and faithfulness, and to commend the work of the Board of Regents in the various actions reported to us.

6. The Synod would encourage the Superintendent in an effort, at the present time, through the "Presbyterian Standard," to make known to

our people the fact that the Home is in immediate want of money for the support fund, and to secure sufficient means to provide for the maintenance of the children till the Thanksgiving collections are sent in.

7. The Synod re-elects Messrs. S. C. Rankin, of Mooresville, and P. M. Brown, of Charlotte, Regents, whose term of office expires at this time.

The Judicial Committee, Rev. D. I. Craig, Chairman, reported that no business had come into their hands. The report was received and approved.

Synod took recess until 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Committee to raise funds for Chapel Hill Church, Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., Chairman, reported progress. The report was received and approved, and the Committee continued.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence, Rev. E. C. Murray, D. D., Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee would respectfully submit the following: Reports from all of our Presbyteries show a total of 365 churches. Of these, 69 only have contributed to all the causes supported by the church, and 280 to one or more of them; 85 churches thus reporting no contributions whatever. The total amount contributed is $73,079, being an increase of $8,934 over last year. The accuracy of these last statements of amounts, however, is seriously impaired by the fact that Concord Presbytery reports over $10,000 under the head miscellaneous, from which it is evident that some of the sessions have included congregational expenses under miscellaneous contributions to beneficent causes. Instead of a gain therefore, there has been probably a falling off from the contributions of last year. All of the Presbyteries, however, do show at least a small increase, except Albemarle and probably Concord. Another apparent error in the reports is that Mecklenburg and Asheville Presbyteries report

nothing contributed to Church and Christian Education and Orphans' Home. It is to be regretted that our sessions do not make complete and consistent reports, upon which we may base reliable calculations. In conclusion, we recommend that our country churches especially, in order to draw upon their financial resources to the fullest extent, employ a combination of methods for their own support and for that of the beneficent causes, using, for example, the envelope system for raising the pastor's salary, and for other objects subscription papers and basket collections in church and Sunday school.

The Stated Clerk of Synod and the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries were appointed a committee to prepare a new blank for our churches in making reports for use by the Synod.

The Committee on Statistical Reports, Rev. W. R. Coppedge, Chairman, presentad the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee beg leave to report that there appears to have been a gain over last year of twelve ministers and three churches; and a loss of one licentiate, one foreign missionary, sixty communicants, eight manses, $7,390.00 in value of manses, $2,393.86 in the aggregate contributions of the churches, and twenty-three in the number of candidates for the ministry.

The number of additions on profession of faith is smaller by one hundred and eighty-two than during the previous year. We find that the average salary of ministers is $663, being $26.00 less than the year before.

These losses afford cause for serious reflection and should stimulate all our ministers and people to greater energy and renewed consecration.

The report of the special committee on the "Presbyterian Standard" was presented by Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., and adopted. It is as follows:

The work which the "Standard" is doing as the organ of our Synod is increasing with the growth of Presbyterianism in North Carolina; an unquestionably active, earnest, Christian paper, such as the "Standard"

is, in supplementing the church and Sunday School, must be a large factor in stimulating, organizing and directing this growth. We regard the "Standard" as a strong influence for religion and education and good citizenship, both within and without the bounds of our Synod; and it is of great importance that we give it such support as it may need, and that we do all within our power to have copies of the paper reach every Presbyterian home of our State.

We therefore regard it as a matter of great importance (1) that the publication of the "Presbyterian Standard" be continued as the organ of our Synod; (2) that it be published in North Carolina; and (3) that the present high excellence of the character of the paper be in no way diminished.

We would further urge upon the churches and individual members of our churches that they subscribe for additional stock in the paper to the extent of at least $1,000.

We urge upon the several sessions, pastors and stated supplies in the Synod that each of them secure and forward to the editor before the end of the present year at least ten new subscribers for the "Standard;" and they also urge upon existing subscribers now in arrears to pay up such indebtedness to the paper.

In case of Presbyterian families that are quite unable to pay for the "Standard," we urge the sessions of the several churches to make some special arrangements by which the paper can be sent to them.

It was ordered that the first half of this evening's session be given to Rev. Messers. E. W. Williams and S. G. Walker to address the Synod concerning the Afro-American Presbyterian Church.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures, Rev. W. R. McLelland, acting Chairman, reported, recommending that "the overture of Rev. W. H. White be referred to the General Assembly for an answer." The report was received and adopted.

The Committee to prepare an "Address to the Churches," Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Chairman, presented the following,

which was received, adopted and ordered to be read in all our churches:

The Synod of North Carolina to the Churches Under its Care, Greeting:

DEAR FRIENDS AND BRETHREN.—The narratives of our Presbyteries, as to the state of religion within our bounds, disclose certain facts which are causes of both gladness and sorrow. While in some Presbyteries a small proportion of the churches have been without the preached Word, the large majority of them have enjoyed the regular ordinances of the sanctuary. Attendance upon public worship has been uniformly good and evidences of the Divine Spirit's presence to apply the truth have been abundant. A number of our organized Churches have had gracious revivals and numerous additions to their membership. Our mission work in destitute fields has been prosecuted with energy and success. Our Local Evangelists, our General Evangelist and our Superintendent of Synodical Missions, have been much encouraged in their labors and have had signal proof of the Divine benediction upon their efforts. About $10,000 have been raised for Synodical Missions and more than $26,000 for Evangelistic work in the Presbyteries and Synod. Evidences of spiritual life and activity in individual church work, in local mission work, and in enlarged contributions to some causes, are not wanting. Some churches report large additions to their membership, and more than 1,200 have been added to the Synod's roll of communicants. Our Sabbath school work, too, has made gratifying progress, shown in increased attendance and growing efficiency. For these manifestations of the Divine favor and blessing, dear brethren, we should render to our gracious God and Saviour grateful and devout thanksgiving. But there are some things in our domestic, church and social life which should move us to consideration, sorrow and amendment. Most of our Presbyteries report that family worship and the religious training of children in the household are much neglected. This should not be the case in any Christian family. The family is the unit of society, and of the church, and according to the practical religion fostered in it, will be the religious character of the community and nation. In every truly pious home the altar of prayer should be maintained, and the children should be instructed in the doctrines and duties of godliness. Another cause of anxiety and sorrow mentioned in some of our Presbyterial reports is that proper Sabbath observance is marred by social visiting, Sunday mails and railroad travel. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy" is a command given by

God, and sometimes in His providence, by blessings bestowed and penalties inflicted. Neither a man or a nation can violate the Sabbath law without ultimately falling under the rod of Jehovah. Worldly conformity is another source of unrest to the Church and of danger to the world mentioned in our reports. "Be not conformed to this world," is God's mandate to His people, and it can never be disobeyed with impunity or without disastrous results. When Israel imitated the heathen around them, national decay and ruin followed, and so it is now when the Church imitates the world, in its pleasures, amusements and business methods. Still another sore evil referred to by some Presbyteries is that our laboring ministers are not paid their meagre stipends either fully or promptly. This is contrary to the direction of the great Head of the Church. He declares "The laborer is worthy of his hire," and "They that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel." To disobey Christ is to incur His displeasure, to imperil our salvation, and to expose ourselves to severe rebuke.

May God give us grace, dear Christian friends, to thankfully acknowledge His mercies, to repent of our sins and to seek that conformity to Jesus which evinces regeneration and proves Divine Sonship.

The Committee on Leave of Absence, Rev. A. J. McKelway, acting Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

1. Excused for absence at the last meeting of the Synod : Rev. Eugene Daniel, D. D., Rev. W. T. Walker.

2. Excused for non-attendance at the present meeting of Synod : Rev. Messrs. H. D. Lequeux, P. C. Morton C. M. Payne, D. D., J. S. Shaw, Eugene Daniel, D. D., R. E. Caldwell, F. H. Johnston, D. D., L. B. Turnbull, D. D., Geo. L. Leyburn, D. D., R. P. Smith, W. M. Shaw.

3. The following were granted leave of absence at this meeting :

After Tuesday night—Rev. R. W. Boyd.

After Thursday morning—Rev. R. S. Arrowood.

After Thursday night—Rev. Messrs. J. M. Rose, D. D., W. R. Minter, J. R. Millard, and Mr. H. C. Summers.

After Friday morning—Rev. Messrs. C. N. Wharton, W. F. Thom, E. A. Sample, A. T. Graham, J. McL. Seabrook, D. I. Craig, R. D. Stimson, W. J. Tidball, A. R. Shaw, J. R. Bridges, H. W. Hoon, J. N. Greenlee,

G. T. Thompson, J. W. Stagg, D. D., Jonas Barclay, W. O. Sample, and Messrs. T. G. McLean, W. D. Wharton, B. F. Phifer, F. A. Sherrill, W. C. Rankin, D. C. McDonald, H. McN. Lytch, D. McBryde, B. J. Bradley, C. S. Spratt, J. S. Abernethy, J. L. Shepherd, J. N. Craig, P. J. Sinclair.

The Stated Clerk was directed to write a letter to Rev. R. P. Smith expressing the love and sympathy of the Synod for him in his sickness, and the hope and prayer that he may soon be restored to good health and strength.

The Synodical Historical Committee, Rev. J. A. Ramsey, D. D., Chairman, reported that there was nothing of interest to bring to the attention of the Synod. The report was received and approved.

The Third Class of the Directors of the Colored Industrial and Accademical Institute were re-elected, viz.: Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Rev. A. J. McKelway, Rev. R. E. Caldwell and Mr. G. W. Montcastle.

The Ruling Elders of the Synodical Committee of Home Missions were re-elected to serve another year.

Synod took recess until 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The order of the day was taken up, and the Synod heard Rev. Messrs. E. W. Williams and S. G. Walker on the organization and work of the Afro-American Presbyterian Church.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Synod of North Carolina has heard with great interest the two representatives of the Afro-American Synod, that we re-

joice in their spirit of independence, and pledge to their Church our hearty sympathy and support and our prayers.

Rev. C. G. Vardell, Chairman pro tem., presented the report on Sabbath Schools, which was received and approved, and the recommendations adopted as follows:

1. Synod urges upon Presbyteries the importance of holding Sabbath school conventions, or institutes, as a means of increasing the interest in this great cause.

2. Synod sets apart at least two hours at each meetiug to hear addresses on this important cause, the speakers to be selected by Synod's Committee on Sabbath Schools.

3. Synod directs Presbyteries to forward their reports to the Agent of Sabbath Schools for Synod, before the meeting of the Synod.

4 That the system for promoting regularity of attendance upon the Sabbath school adopted by Albemarle Presbytery, and known as the "Old Guard" be adopted by the Synod, and the record kept as the data shall be sent up from the Presbyteries.

The following resolution of thanks was presented and adopted by a rising vote:

RESOLVED, That we, the Synod of North Carolina, tender our hearty thanks to the congregation of the Asheville church for the abounding hospitality with which it has ministered to the comfort and pleasure of the delegates, and the admirable arrangements made for the efficiency of the Synod's work; to Dr. Lawrence for the gracious entertainment he provided for us; to Mr. George W. Vanderbilt for the permission accorded us of visiting his estate; to the Asheville Citizen and the Asheville Gazette for their reports of the proceedings; to the street railways for their arrangements for the convenience of the delegates and to the railroads for the reduced rates offered.

RESOLVED, that this resolution be read from the pulpit of this church on Sunday morning, and be published in the city papers and the Presbyterian Standard.

Adjournment.

The roll was called before final adjournment. The minutes of the fourth day's session were read and approved. The Synod then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian church, Raleigh, N. C., on Tuesday, November 14th, 1900, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Closed with singing, prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

WM. BLACK,
Moderator.

Rev. P. R. LAW,
Rev. W. C. ALEXANDER,
Temporary Clerks.

A true copy from the records.

Attest : J. ALSTON RAMSAY,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

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A.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Orange reports :

1. 26 ministers ; 58 churches ; 1 licentiate ; 16 candidates ; 5,570 communicants; and forty-one thousand, seven hundred and forty-two dollars, ($41,742.00,) aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1899, being $1,965 more than was raised the year before.

2. 428 members were added to the churches during the year ; (a) On examination, 280 ; (b) on certificate, 148.

3. 2 ministers were received, viz. : Rev. C. Miller, September 20, 1899, from Concord Presbytery, and Rev. C. E. Hodgin, February 4, 1899, from Pee Dee Presbytery.

4. 2 ministers were transferred, viz. : Rev. Ned B. Campbell, September 20, 1899, to Roanoke Presbytery, and Rev. Simon G. Walker, October 28, 1898, to Yadkin Presbytery.

5. 2 churches were organized, viz. : Pine Hall, June 4, 1899 ; Sandy Ridge, June 18, 1899.

6. No churches transferred or dissolved.

7. No licentiates received.

8. No licentiates transferred.

9. 1 candidate received, viz. : Mr. John A. Forbis, April 12, 1899.

10. No candidates transferred.

11. No ministers died.

12. 1 ordination, viz. : Mr. Allen Jones, Jr., May 11, 1899.

13. 1 installation, viz. : Rev. C. E. Hodgin, February 5, 1899.

14. 1 dissolution of pastoral relations, viz. : Rev. J. A. Paisley and Mt. Airy Church, September 21, 1899.

15. 1 licensure, viz. : Mr. Allen Jones, Jr., April 14, 1899.

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16. 24 ministers in charge of 51 churches; 18 pastors; 3 stated supplies; 3 evangelists; 1 licentiate; 1 foreign missionary in transit.

17. 7 churches vacant.

18. $693 average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19. 16 manses, aggregate value, $20,000.

20. No minister or church in 1 county, viz.: Alleghany.

21. The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Westminster church on the 17th day of April, 1900.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: D. I. CRAIG,
Stated Clerk.

At Hawfields Church, on 19th day of September, 1899.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Concord reports:

1. 30 ministers; 58 churches; 3 licentiates; 12 candidates; 5,594 communicants; and thirty-six thousand and fifty-seven dollars ($36,057) aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1899, being $4,545 more than was raised the year before.

2. 380 members were added to the churches during the year: (a) On examination, 161; (b) on certificate, 219.

3. 2 ministers were received, viz.: Rev. Geo. L. Cook, April 12, 1899, from Savannah Presbytery; Rev. Cochran Preston, September 16, 1899, from Abingdon Presbytery.

4. 1 minister was transferred, viz.: Rev. Cornelius Miller, September 16, 1899, to Orange Presbytery.

5. 2 churches received or organized, viz.: Cleveland, November 12, 1898, and Pinola, October, 1898.

6. No churches transferred or dissolved.

7. No licentiates received.

8. No licentiates transferred.

9. 2 candidates received, viz.: Messrs. H. A. Knox and Henry Frank Beaty.

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10. 1 candidate transferred, viz.: Mr. W. E. Furr to Transylvania Presbytery, September 15, 1899.

11. 1 minister died, viz.: Rev. A. K. Pool, August 7, 1899.

12. No ordinations.

13. 2 installations, viz.: Rev. G. L. Cook at Poplar Tent, 1st Sabbath in May, 1899, and Rev. R. S Arrowood, at Cleveland, June 9, 1899.

14. 1 dissolution of pastoral relations, viz.: Rev. J. A. Harris and Thyatyra and Back Creek, October 26, 1898.

15. No licensures.

16. 23 ministers in charge of 55 churches; 15 pastors; 3 stated supplies; 4 evangelists; 3 licentiates; 1 foreign missionary.

17. 3 churches vacant.

18. $614 average salary paid ministers in charge of churches (i. e., pastors and stated supplies.)

19. 16 manses, aggregate value, $24,000 (estimated.)

20. No minister or church in one county, viz.: Yadkin.

21. The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Salisbury, on the 25th day of April, at 7:30 p. m., 1900.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: W. R. MCLELLAND,
Stated Clerk.

At Concord Church, on 18th day of September, 1899.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville reports:

1. 24 ministers, 80 churches, 1 licentiate, 10 candidates, 7,663 communicants, and twenty-two thousand, two hundred and seventy-six dollars ($22,276) aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1899, being $3,347 less than was raised the year before.

2. 403 members were added to the churches during the year: (a) On examination, 254; on certificate, 149.

3. 2 ministers were received, viz.: Rev. J. P. McMillan, D. D., April 19, 1899; Rev. C. F. Rankin, May 23, 1899.

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4. 1 minister was transferred, viz. : Rev. W. B. Arrowood, July 25, 1899.

5. 2 churches received or organized, viz. : Hamlet, April 14, 1899 ; Raeford, June 27, 1899.

6. 2 churches transferred or dissolved, viz. : Keyser, April 19, 1899 ; China Grove, June 6, 1899.

7. No licentiates received.

8. No licentiates transferred.

9. 1 candidate received, viz. : Mr. G. T. Pace, September 13, 1899.

10. 1 candidate transferred, viz. : Mr. D. P. McGeachy, June 16, 1899.

11. No ministers died.

12. No ordinations.

13. Six installations, viz. : Rev. W. R. Coppedge, at Roberdell and Cameronian, December 25, 1898, and at Hamlet, May 14, 1899 ; Rev. C. F. Rankin at Red Springs and Antioch ; Rev. R. W. Hines at Smithfield and Kenly, April 30, 1899, and at Dunn, September 4, 1899 ; Rev. J. S. Black at Bluff, August 19, 1899.

14. 1 dissolution of pastoral relations, viz. : Rev. W. B. Arrowood, Laurinburg, July 25, 1899.

15. 1 licensure, viz. : Mr. G. T. Pace, September 14, 1899.

16. 20 ministers in charge of 80 churches ; 13 pastors ; 4 stated supplies ; no evangelists ; 1 licentiate ; 2 foreign missionaries.

17. No churches vacant.

18. $535 average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19. 5 manses, aggregate value, $5,500.

20. No county without a minister or church.

21. The next stated meeting of Presbytery at St. Andrews, on 10th day of April, 1900.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: P. R. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

At Lumberton Church, on 15th day of September, 1899.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

The Presbytery of Wilmington reports :

1. 15 ministers ; 48 churches ; no licentiates ; 2 candidates ; 3,017 communicants ; and sixteen thousand and one dollars and sixty-three cents, ($16,001.63,) aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1899, being $525.37 less than was raised the year before.

2. 163 members were added to the churches during the year : (a) On examination, 88 ; (b) on certificate, 75.

3. No ministers were received.

4. 2 ministers were transferred, viz. : Rev. Peyton Hoge, D. D., June 20, 1899, to Presbytery at Louisville, U. S. A. ; Rev. J. S. Thomas to Presbytery of Norfolk, September 29, 1899.

5. No churches received or organized.

6. No churches transferred or dissolved.

7. No licentiates received.

8. No licentiates transferred.

9. 2 candidates received, viz. : Daniel Patrick McGeachy, June 20, 1899, from Presbytery of Fayetteville ; Eugene B. Carr, Sept. 15, 1899.

10. No candidates transferred.

11. 1 minister died, viz. : Rev. Kenneth McDonald, May 19, 1899.

12. 2 ordinations, viz. : Robert Murphy Williams, June 20, 1899 ; Daniel P. McGeachy, Sept. 29, 1899.

13. 2 installations, viz. : John Stanly Thomas, pastor of Topsail church, April 27, 1899 ; D. P. McGeachy, Burgaw church, Sept. 29, 1899.

14. 1 dissolution of pastorial relation, viz. : Rev. J. S. Thomas, Burgaw, Pike, Hopewell, and Mt. Williams, April 5, 1899, Topsail Sept. 29, 1899.

15. 1 licensure, viz. : Daniel Patrick McGeachy, June 20, 1899.

16. 10 ministers in charge of 35 churches ; 5 pastors ; no stated supplies ; 5 ministers without a charge ; 4 evangelists ; no licentiates ; no foreign missionaries.

17. No churches vacant.

18. $606.70, average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19. 2 manses, aggregate value, $10,000.

20. No county without a church or minister.

21. The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Faison at 12 m., on the first Wednesday in April, 1900.

By order of Presbytery. ATTEST: A. MACFADYEN,
Stated Clerk.

At Whiteplains Church on 16th day of September, 1899, and at Burgaw 29th day of September, 1899.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg reports:

1. 41 ministers; 74 churches; 2 licentiates; 19 candidates; 8,225 communicants; and sixty-six thousand, one hundred and thirty-eight dollars ($66,138) aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1899, being $2,926 more than was raised the year before.

2. 639 members were added to the churches during the year: (a) On examination, 312; (b) on certificate, 327.

3. 4 ministers were received, viz.: Rev. S. L. Cathey, April 26, 1899; Rev. J. J. Harrell, April 26, 1899; Rev. J. R. Millard, April 28, 1899; Rev. J. R. Bridges, June 30, 1899.

4. No ministers were transferred.

5. 1 church organized, viz.: Bessemer City, June 19, 1899.

6. No churches transferred or dissolved.

7. No licentiates received.

8. No licentiates transferred.

9. 1 candidate received, viz.: Chas. H. Little, (restored) December 1, 1898.

10. No candidates transferred.

11. No ministers died.

12. 1 ordination, viz.: Rev. S. L. Cathey, December 9, 1898.

13. 3 installations, viz.: Rev. S. L. Cathey, Cherryville, December 9, 1898; Rev. J. R. Millard, King's Mountain and Shiloh, 1st Sabbath in June, 1899, and at Long Creek, 2d Sabbath in June, 1899; Rev. J. J. Harrell, Williams, last Saturday in May.

14. 2 dissolutions of pastoral relations, viz.: Rev. M. C. Arrowood, Wadesboro and Morven, June 30, 1899; Rev. J. S. Shaw, Cook's Memorial and Paw Creek, October 6, 1899.

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15. No licensures.

16. 32 ministers in charge of 68 churches; 42 pastors; 26 stated supplies; 2 evangelists; 2 licentiates; 1 foreign missionary.

17. 6 churches vacant.

18. $797 average salary paid ministers in charge of churches

19. 23 manses, aggregate value $20,000.

20. No county without a minister or church.

21. The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Olney church, on Tuesday before full moon in April, 1900.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: JESSE W. SILER,
Stated Clerk.

At Brittain Church on 7th day of October, 1899.

VI.—ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Albemarle reports:

1. 13 ministers; 32 churches; 2 licentiates; 5 candidates; 2,121 communicants; and twenty thousand five hundred and forty dollars and thirty-six cents, ($20,540.36), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1899, being $7,897.23 less than was raised the year before.

2. 124 members were added to the churches during the year: (a) On examination, 61; (b) on certificate, 63.

3. No ministers were received.

4. 1 minister was transferred, viz.: The Rev. Fred. D. Thomas to Presbytery of Athens, January 10, 1899.

5. 2 churches organized, viz.: (1) Roanoke Rapids, Halifax county, June 25, 1899; (2) Weldon, Halifax county, July 4, 1899.

6. 1 church dissolved, viz.: At Mackey's Ferry, Washington county, September 8, 1899.

7. No licentiates received.

8. No licentiates transferred.

9. No candidates received.

10. No candidates transferred.

11. No ministers died.

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12. No ordinations.

13. No installations.

14. 1 dissolution of pastoral relations, viz.: Rev. F. D. Thomas and Rocky Mount church, January 10, 1899.

15. One licensure, viz.: James H. Jarvis, April 7, 1899.

16. 12 ministers in charge of 30 churches; 8 pastors; no stated supplies; 6 evangelists; 2 licentiates; 1 foreign missionary.

17. 2 churches vacant.

18. $900 average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19. 11 manses, aggregate value, $22,000.

20. No minister or church in fourteen counties, viz.: Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Greene, Hertford, Hyde, Pamlico, Perquimans, Tyrrell, Northhampton, and Washington.

21. The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Washington, N. C., on 11th day of April, 1900.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

At Oxford Church, on 5th day of September, 1899.

VII.—ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Asheville reports:

1. 13 ministers; 20 churches; 1 licentiate; 3 candidates; 1,242 communicants; and seventeen thousand, four hundred and sixty-eight dollars, ($17,468) aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1899, being $4,640 more than was raised the year before.

2. 149 members were added to the churches during the year. (a) On examination, 98; (b) on certificate, 51.

3. No ministers were received.

4. No ministers were transferred.

5. No churches received or organized.

6. No churches transferred or dissolved.

7. 1 licentiate received.

8. No licentiates transferred.

9. No candidates received.

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10. No candidates transferred.
11. No ministers died.
12. No ordinations.
13. No installations.
14. No dissolutions of pastoral relations.
15. No licensures.
16. 12 ministers in charge of 20 churches; 8 pastors; 1 stated supply; 3 evangelists; 1 licentiate; one lady foreign missionary.
17. No churches vacant.
18. $700 average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.
19. 4 manses, aggregate value $5,000.
20. No minister or church in one county, viz.: Graham.
21. The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Bethel, on 10th day of April, 1900.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST: E. A. SAMPLE,
Stated Clerk.

At Dillsboro Church on 16th day of September, 1899.

B.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERIES ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1899 :

1.	Churches contributed to Presbyterial Home Missions,	$2,398.00
2.	" " Synodical Home Missions,	2,165.00
3.	" " Assembly's Home Missions,	378.00
4.	" " Foreign Missions,	3,676.00
5.	" " Publication and Colportage	167.00
6.	" " Education for Ministry	552.00
7.	" " Church and Christian Ed'cat'n,	250.00
8.	" " Invalid Fund,	298.00
9.	" " Colored Evangelization,	328.00
10.	" " Bible Cause,	91.00
11.	" " Synodical Orphans' Home	1,181.00
12.	" " Miscellaneous,	1,291.00
	Total,	$12,675.00

Being $855.00 more than was raised the year before. Forty-nine churches reported, and 15 of them contributed to all of the objects conducted by the church, and 42 to one or more of them.

Seven churches made no report, viz. : Eno, Oak Forest, Worthville, Calah, Rougemont, Holloways and Clark Memorial, (col'd.)

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST : D. I. CRAIG,
Stated Clerk.

At Hawfields Church, on 19th day of September, 1899.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1899 :

1.	45	churches contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions. .	$ 2,227.60
2.	36	" "	Synodical " "	951.18
3.	33	" "	Assembly's " "	188.67
4.	44	" "	Foreign Missions.	2,671.65
5.	32	" "	Publication and Colportage . .	91.20
6.	31	" "	Education for Ministry. . . .	803.28
7.	19	" "	Ch. and Christian Education .	104.17
8.	33	" "	Invalid Fund.	110.99
9.	33	" "	Colored Evangelization	149.92
10.	16	" "	Bible Cause	62.72
11.	28	" "	Synodical Orphans' Home . .	824.80
12.	31	" "	Miscellaneous	10,274.83
		Total		$18,461.01

Being $7,800 more than was raised the year before. 53 churches reported, and 9 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 50 to one or more of them.

5 churches made no report, viz. : Blowing Rock, Glen Alpine, Greenlee, Tabor, Waldensian.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST : W. R. MCLELLAND,
Stated Clerk.

At Concord Church, on 18th day of September, 1899.

NOTE.—It is evident that some of the sessions have included congregational expenses under miscellaneous in their reports to Presbytery, from which reports this one has to be made out.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

The Presbytery of Fayetteville respectfully submit the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1899 :

1.	50	churches	contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions, .	$1,077.00
2.	51	"	"	Synodical " "	1,577.00
3.	53	"	"	Assembly's " "	201.00
4.	72	"	"	Foreign Missions, ...	2,924.00
5.	45	"	"	Publication and Colportage, .	175.00
6.	51	"	"	Education for Ministry, . . .	233.00
7.	37	"	"	Church and Christian Ed'cat'n,	220.00
8.	53	"	"	Invalid Fund, ...	201.00
9.	40	"	"	Colored Evangelization, . . .	159.00
10.	35	"	"	Bible Cause, ...	78.00
11.	35	"	"	Synodical Orphans' Home, . .	408.00
12.		"	"	Miscellaneous, ...	553.00
				Total, ...	$7,805.00

Being $42.00 more than was raised the year before. Seventy-six churches reported, and 11 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the church, and 75 to one or more of them.

Three churches made no report, viz. : Macedonia, Troy and Shiloh.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST : P. R. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

At Lumberton Church, on 15th day of September, 1899.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully submit the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1899 :

1.	30	churches	contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions,	$2,113.80
2.	25	"	"	Synodical " "	782.85
3.	20	"	"	Assembly's " "	174.26
4.	29	"	"	Foreign Missions, ...	1,934.18
5.	18	"	"	Publication and Colportage, .	68.37
6.	25	"	"	Education for Ministry, . . .	602.42
7.		"	"	Church and Christian Ed'cat'n	
8.	25	"	"	Invalid Fund	135.83
9.	16	"	"	Colored Evangelization . . .	109.48
10.	10	"	"	Bible Cause	53.25
11.	15	"	"	Synodical Orphans' Home . .	166.76
12.		"	"	Miscellaneous	2,050.43
				Total	$8,191.63

Being $443.70 more than was raised the year before. Thirty-six churches reported, and eight of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the church, and 30 to one or more of them.

Twelve churches made no report, viz. : Beulah, Elizabethtown, Harmony, Hub, Chadbourn, Immanuel, Maple Hill, Richlands, Smiths, Keith, Stanford and Verona.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST : A. MACFADYEN,
Stated Clerk.

At St. Andrews Church on 6th day of April, 1899.

Systematic Beneficence—Mecklenburg Presbytery.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1899 :

1.	55	churches	contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions. .	$ 7,813.77
2.		"	"	Synodical " "	
3.	47	"	"	Assembly's " "	432.50
4.	59	"	"	Foreign Missions.	5,030.10
5.	46	"	"	Publication and Colportage . .	130.32
6.	53	"	"	Education for Ministry.. . . .	2,832.64
7.		"	"	Ch. and Christian Education .	
8.	50	"	"	Invalid Fund.	219.78
9.	46	"	"	Colored Evangelization	331.14
10.	27	"	"	Bible Cause	140.63
11.		"	"	Synodical Orphans' Home . .	
12.		"	"	Miscellaneous	
				Total	$16,986.88

Being $78 more than was raised the year before. 63 churches reported, and 19 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 41 to one or more of them.

10 churches made no report, viz. : Drusilla, Sandy Plains, Mooresboro, Henrietta, Cherryville, Machpelah, Mizpah, Stanley Creek, Stevens. Polkton.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST : JESSE W. SILER,
Stated Clerk.

At Brittain Church, on 6th day of October, 1899.

VI.—ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Albemarle respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1899:

1.	30	churches	contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions	$ 633.10
2.	24	"	"	Synodical " "	598.79
3.	17	"	"	Assembly's " "	177.64
4.	26	"	"	Foreign Missions	1,070.10
5.	15	"	"	Publication and Colportage	117.09
6.	22	"	"	Education for Ministry	261.32
7.	12	"	"	Ch. and Christian Education	53.96
8.	20	"	"	Invalid Fund	145.50
9.	18	"	"	Colored Evangelization	114.42
10.	6	"	"	Bible Cause	45.43
11.	21	"	"	Synodical Orphans' Home	481.81
12.		"	"	Miscellaneous	676.42
				Total	$4,376.48

Being $587.55 less than was raised the year before. Thirty churches reported, and six of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the church, and twenty-four to one or more of them.

All the churches made reports.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

At Oxford Church, on 5th day of September, 1899.

VII.—ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

The Presbytery of Asheville respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1899 :

1.	17 churches (local) contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions,		$2,410.00
		Synodical "	"	
3.	6 churches contributed to	Assembly's "	"	74.00
4.	14 "	"	Foreign Missions	982.00
5.	4 "	"	Publication and Colportage .	14.00
6.	7 "	"	Education for Ministry . . .	161.00
7.	"	"	Ch. and Christian Education	
8.	6 "	"	Invalid Fund	55.00
9.	6 "	"	Colored Evangelization . . .	36.00
10.	1 "	"	Bible Cause	7.00
11.	"	"	Synodical Orphan's Home . .	
12.	11 "	"	Miscellaneous	846.00
		Total		$4,585.00

Being $303.00 more than was raised the year before. Eighteen churches reported, and 1 (Asheville 1st) of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the church, and 18 to one or more of them.

Three churches made no report, viz. : Hayesville, Centre, and Swannanoa.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST : E. A. SAMPLE,
Stated Clerk.

At Dillsboro Church, on 15th day of September, 1899.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL MISSIONS.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

Your committee on Synodical Home Missions, with heartfelt gratitude to God for divine guidance and fruitful blessings attending the work intrusted to its care, does hereby submit to the Synod of North Carolina its eleventh annual report for the year ending Oct. 1st 1899. The resignation of the faithful and efficient Superintendant, the Rev. A. J. McKelway, was received and accepted at the last meeting of Synod and the Rev. E. E. Gillespie was elected by the committee as his successor. The Superintendent-elect, however, did not enter upon the duties of his office until the middle of January, 1899. In the meantime the responsibility of the work devolved upon the General Evangelist, the Rev. Wm. Black, the retiring Superintendent agreeing to receive and disburse the funds without remuneration. The total receipts during the inter regnum, October 1st, '98, to January 16th, '99, amounted to $986.88.

On January 16th, '99, Rev. E. E. Gillespie entered upon his duties as Superintendent, the total indebtedness at that time being $4,843.23.

Rev. E. E. GILLESPIE, Supterintendent.

The Superintendent has visited since January 16th, '99, 56 churches, presented the cause of Synodical Home Missions or preached 113 times, received in cash from all sources, $6,165.64, and subscriptions unmatured, $3,303.74. Total receipts in cash and subscriptions, $9,469.42.

Rev. Wm. BLACK, General Evangelist,

Has labored continuously in a most faithful and efficient manner since our last meeting, except the month of August, and has preached 338 times, at 23 different places in 17 counties, in which meetings there were 1,083 professions. Besides many who made professions and joined other denominations, 413 connected themselves with the Presbyterian Church by profession and $1,505.28 was raised in cash for the Synodical Home Missions and more than $200 for local purposes in the churches where the meetings were held.

Synodical Missions.

Rev. ALLEN JONES, Jr.,

Took charge of the Ashe county work the middle of January, and has been most signally blessed in his labors. He has nine regular preaching points. The church in Jefferson has been completed and about $500 subscribed in the county for the erection of two more churches in the near future. There have been 63 professions of faith and 17 additions to the Presbyterian Church. Brother Jones has been assisted during the summer by the following persons secured by him without any expense to the committee: Mr. W. A. Murray, of the middle class of Union Theological Seminary, spent three months in the field, preached 45 times, made 202 visits, and traveled 1,332 miles; Messrs. S. C. Smith and C. E. Hodges, and Misses Kate Cranor and Annie Shaw taught successful day schools, enrolling about 150 pupils; Mr. W. C. Young labored as colporteur and Sunday school organizer in the field for four months.

Rev. E. MAC. DAVIS

Presents a most encouraging report. He is bishop of Madison county and parts of several surrounding counties. Regular religious services are conducted by him at the following places: Barnardsville, Democrat, Dillingham, Terry's Fork, Paint Fork, Sugar Creek, Rock View and Carson's School House. Great and lasting good has been done through the day schools so efficiently conducted during the summer by Misses Bessie Black, Urbie Myrover, Margaret Allison, Katherine Jarrell, Ethie Vickery, Elizabeth Tucker, Lula Barnett and Mr. T. G. Rogers.

Evangelistic meetings have been held in this field by Revs. R. D. Stimson, Wm. Black and M. McG. Shields, in which over a hundred persons professed faith in Christ. There have been 40 additions to the Presbyterian Church. The field has contributed to the following causes: Invalid Fund, $3.16; Education for the Ministry, $1.30; Orphanage, $2.40; Church Expenses, $1.08; Presbyterial Fund, $2.00; Synodical Missions, $20.00; Church and Christian Education, $5.34, and Foreign Missions, $1.12.

Rev. L. A. M'LAURIN

Continues to prove himself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, preaching regularly at Elk Park, Cranberry, Spruce Pine, Phillips, Bear Creek, Spring Creek, Newdale, and occasionally at Little Elk, Big Elk,

Big Rock Creek, Crab Tree Falls and Plum Tree. Three Sunday schools are regularly sustained, with an enrollment of 150 and average attendance 90. A church and school building has been erected at Phillips without expense to the committee, said building worth about $200. Three splendid day schools are conducted at Newdale, Spruce Pine and Phillips, supported in part by the churches of the Presbytery of Concord.

Rev. EDGAR TUFTS

Is still laboring most faithfully and successfully at Banner Elk, Cove Creek, Blowing Rock, Linville and Pinola. There are three flourishing Sunday schools conducted in his field. Twenty persons have professed faith in Christ, ten of whom joined the Presbyterian Church. The field has contributed $100 to pastor's salary, $150 to school purposes, $16 to Foreign Missions and $35 to Home Missions. At Banner Elk a 20-room boarding house is being erected for girls. A 2-room school building has been completed. Prospects are most encouraging.

Rev. D. J. CURRIE

Reports his field in good condition. Two Sunday schools are sustained with an enrollment of about 140 and average attendance of 90. There have been five additions to the Church and $943 raised for all purposes. New Hope church has been repaired and is greatly improved, and nearly $2,000 has been secured for remodeling the Chapel Hill church. Work will be commenced at an early date.

Rev. J. E. L. WINECOFF

Is regularly filling eight appointments in the south-eastern part of the State. He has five Sunday schools conducted in his field. There have been ten additions to the Church, and about $800 raised in the field for all purposes. One new Sunday school was organized last year. The outlook is very bright.

Rev. C. N. WHARTON

Is serving most efficiently three churches in Warren county. There have been 36 professions of faith and 9 additions to his churches. The work was never in a more promising condition.

Synodical Missions.

Rev. JAS. THOMAS

Is successfully continuing his work at Wilson and LaGrange. Several have professed faith in Christ and connected themselves with the Presbyterian Church during the past year. Over $700 has been raised for all purposes and the field adds $100 to its own support the coming year.

Rev. W. T. WALKER

Is preaching regularly at six different points. Protracted meetings have been held resulting in 60 professions and 11 additions to his churches. Several prominent points in his field are loudly calling for additional workers.

Rev. E. D. BROWN

Has supplied the churches of Dover and Kinston most acceptably during the last year. There have been six additions to his churches and over $500 raised for all Church purposes.

Rev. F. H. JOHNSTON, D. D.,

Has been laboring faithfully in his large and important field in the eastern part of our Synod. There have been several additions to his churches. The need for greater efforts to occupy and evangelize this great section in the east is a loud Macedonian cry to God's people.

Rev. W. M. SHAW

Has a most encouraging work in Brunswick county. He preaches at seven different points. Four Sunday schools are conducted regularly every Sabbath. There have been about forty professions of faith in Christ, 20 additions to our Church. About $500 has been raised in the field for all purposes. Miss Rankin, of Mooresville, taught a successful day school during the summer. Three churches are in course of erection. During the year Brother Shaw has made 250 visits, traveled 3,000 miles and conducted 500 services.

Rev. BARTH. SOULIER

Is much encouraged in his work at Valdese. The church has been completed and is a "thing of beauty." It cost nearly $5,000 and has

only a small debt of a few hundred dollars unpaid. Several have joined the church during the last year. A good school is conducted by Misses Knox and Abbott without expense to the committee.

COLPORTEURS.

Through the kindness of the Committee of Publication, three colporteurs have labored within our bounds without expense to the committee of Missions. Seven Sunday schools have been organized and supplied with literature and in several cases with libraries. Over $100 worth of Bibles, religious books and tracts have been distributed throughout our mission fields.

LADIES' SOCIETIES.

The Ladies' Home Missionary, the Rev. E. Mac, Davis, has been almost entirely supported by the good ladies of our Synod. We still need their assistance to the amount of about $200.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Cash receipts previous to January 16th, 1899	$ 986.88
Cash receipts from Jan. 16, '99, to Oct. 1, '99	6,165.64
Total cash receipts for the year	$7,152.52
Amount expended	6,127.06
Cash on hand October 1st, 1899	$ 25.46
Unmatured subscriptions booked	3,156 48
Total unmatured subscriptions and cash on hand	$3,181.89
Present indebtedness	2,872.64
Balance	$ 309.25

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COLPORTAGE.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

Your Agent of Publication and Colportage would report as follows : The minutes of the General Assembly show that in the Presbytery of Albemarle for 1898, 15 churches gave $114 ; for 1899, 12 churches gave $118 ; fewer churches gave more in 1899 than in 1898. In the Presbytery of Asheville in 1898, 3 churches gave $28 ; in 1899 4 churches gave $14 ; one more church gave a total less than in 1898. In Concord for 1898, 26 churches gave $92 ; for 1899 28 churches gave $86 ; two more churches gave $6 less in 1899 than in 1898. In Fayetteville 52 churches for 1898, gave $188 ; for 1899, 50 churches gave $175 ; two less churches gave $13 less. In Mecklenburg for 1898, 43 churches gave $171 ; for 1899, 48 churches gave $193, an increase in churches and amounts contributed. In Orange 36 churches gave in 1898, $163 ; in 1899, 37 churches gave $167, an increase in churches and amounts contributed. In Wilmington in 1898, 19 churches gave $67 ; in 1899, 15 churches gave $61, a loss in churches and amounts.

The Presbyteries of Albemarle, Mecklenburg and Orange show an increase in the amounts contributed. The others show a decrease. Dr. Hazen was encouraged by the increase of 1898 to put two colporteurs in the field. One of them re-entered the pastorate during the year. The other, Mr. J. K. Coit, has continued in the work to this time, working in three Presbyteries. A special donation to this cause has enabled our committee at Richmond to offer two young men for summer work. By an agreement with Synod's Committee on Home Missions, the young men have made Sabbath school missionaries under the direction of that committee, which has reported their work.

Unless our churches give more liberally to this cause, the work of colportage will be seriously diminished. We therefore urge that Presbyteries press on their churches more vigorously the claims to this cause and the needs of this branch of our work. We would call attention to the admirable address of our Assembly's Secretary, Dr. J. K. Hazen, and especially to his statement that our committee in Richmond will give the same discounts on other publishing houses which they give and 30 per cent. discount on all our own publications not net. They also allow 40

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per cent. on purchases of $15 and over, and 40 per cent. and 10 per cent. on purchases over $25 at any one order for either. We therefore appeal for a more liberal contribution from all of our churches and more general use of these purchasing privileges.

During the year Orange Presbytery employed its separate colporteur, Mr. C. L. Rogers, for two and a half months. Rev. W. A. Zeigler worked in Mecklenburg Presbytery for three months before returning to the pastorate.

There are several applicants for the work of colporteurs, but the Assembly's committee cannot give them work unless much larger contributions are made to this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. MCCLURE,
Agent.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

Your Agent of Foreign Missions would respectfully present his annual report :

The Synod of North Carolina contributed last year $19,234, which we regret to record is a falling off of more than $2,000. This regret becomes akin to a feeling of shame when we find it is nearly $4,000 less than the contributions two years ago. Scarcely 58 cents per member would seem to be a pitiably small contribution for the great Presbyterian constituency of the old North State. This is the more deplorable in view of the fact that the General Assembly, keeping pace with the other branches of the Chrrstian Church, has laid it upon the hearts of Southern Presbyterians to largely increase their gifts to foreign missions. The crippled condition of the work in some of our mission fields, calling for greater expenditures and more laborers, the opening up in the Providence of God of inviting missionary territory, and especially the necessity laid upon us of entering the island of Cuba—these all justify the appeal for $200,000, and emphasize its urgency as we look forward to the new responsibilities and opportunities of the twentieth century. The thought is not to be entertained, of course, for a single moment that this noble Synod, with its record for loyalty to the Master, shall lag behind in its zeal for this cause. Let us therefore forget the things which are behind, save as the meaning of our failure in duty becomes an incentive to such prayer and effort as shall insure the fact that the future may not repeat the shortcomings of the past.

It is calculated that one-third increase in the contributions of last year will easily yield the desired amount. This means that the Synod of North Carolina is expected to give $6,500 more than she has given before. Our Synod has upon its minutes a resolution of six or seven years standing, which has never been fulfilled, that it would raise $30,000 for foreign missions. We are to-day $10,000 short of that amount. Can we not at least go half-way toward reaching this maximum, and raise the $25,000 asked for during this year. There is not the slightest reason why this amount should not be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee. Look at some facts which justify this statement. There are

33,432 communicants in the Synod. Will any one hesitate to say that these blood-bought people of God cannot give $1.00 a piece for the conversion of the world! As a matter of fact they gave barely 58c. a piece last year. Would not a little extra effort on the part of all our pastors and people double this gift per member? There are 95 churches which gave not one cent for foreign missions. Even in our great Home Mission territory it is hardly conceivable that half of these are such infants in the household of faith that they cannot give even $1.00 to carry the gospel to the regions beyond.

Of the 271 contributing churches, most of them give pitiably small amounts. There are only 49 churches which average per member 50 cents or more in their contributions. Of this number one gave $4.00 per member. One other averaged something over $3.75. Ten churches averaged $2.00 or more, while 26 others averaged 50 cents or more. Could we just double these numbers in each class we could quite easily accomplish this greatly desired result. Some of the stronger churches are not giving as much as $1.00 per member, while many of them give less than 50 cents a member. Whose fault is this? Somebody is at ease in Zion! Our ladies' societies are noble helpers and it is a tribute to their faithfulness and self-denial that they have given more than one-fourth of all the money contributed for the work in the bounds of the Synod. If the men of our congregations were organized as the ladies and many of the children are, it would mean great things for the interest of the Kingdom of our Lord. There are only five or six gentlemen's societies in the entire Synod. Why may there not be such a society in every congregation? We have as a nucleus for such organizations 1,282 elders and 1,108 deacons. The day has come when Presbyterian office-bearers are not willing to be mere figure heads, but they can by personal work obtain for themselves a good degree. What a spectacle would be presented for men and angels if these more than 2,000 officers of the Church of Christ should arise in the might of new baptism of power and seek to awake the sleeping conscience of the churches in the which the Holy Ghost has made them overseers! One other fact remains. There are 267 Sunday schools in our Synod, and only 45 of them contributed last year to foreign missions. Whose fault is this? It certainly is a very serious dereliction of duty on the part of the superintendents of our schools who fail to afford our Christian children an opportunity to give of their "littles" for the salvation of their brothers and sisters in heathen lands.

Foreign Missions.

Here are the facts which show our strength and our weakness. The question faces us to-night: Are we ready to take up this new opportunity of increased activity in mission work?

Let the Synod give its emphatic answer in the combined efforts of pastors, elders, deacons and people to fulfil the resolution herewith presented.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Synod of North Carolina raise $25,000 for foreign missions.

ALFRED T. GRAHAM.

Ministeral Education.

REPORT OF TEMPORARY AGENT FOR EDUCATION OF MINISTRY.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

The supply of an educated ministry manifestly lies at the foundation of all human means for the successful prosecution of Church work. However vigorous or efficient may be any or all other means of advancing the Kingdom of Christ without a constant supply of qualified ministers, our efforts will fail.

The present plan has been the result of much study, and of long experience, and is therefore the expression of the concentrated wisdom of the Church.

It is evidently wise policy to give it the hearty and earnest support which the vital importance of the matter demands.

Synod has, with grief and grave concern, learned from the Assembly's Secretary, that our churches failed during last year to raise the part of the needed funds apportioned to this Synod. And we do earnestly enjoin upon our pastors and sessions to take this matter seriously to heart, and rally to the support of a cause so vitally necessary to the welfare of our beloved Church.

J. M. WHAREY,
Agent pro. tem.

REPORT ON CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Synod's Committee on Church and Christian Education beg leave to report :

1. We have great reason to be encouraged because of the widespread increase of interest in this department of Church work, and we note with gratitude that the General Assembly at the past meeting adopted the Plan of Organization, and also the Constitution for Presbyterian Schools under Church control, under which our Synod has been working for several years, and which has been fruitful of so many good results with us. The General Assembly has appointed a permanent Committee on Church and Christian Education which is to be the organ of communication with similar committees appointed by all our Synods and Presbyteries.

2. Davidson College continues to receive an improved patronage and has just added to her equipment a complete system of waterworks supplied with most excellent water from Artesian flowing tube wells, with baths and a limited sewerage. The Martin Chemical Laboratory will also be completed this fall at a cost of over $8,000, the most of which has been already contributed by friends of the institution—one half of it by the liberality of one man. The college gives free tuition to candidates for the ministry, sons of ministers, and others. This has amounted for years past to $3,000, and sometimes to $4,000 a year. The extent and value of this service is not generally understood and appreciated. Larger endowments would enable the college to render yet larger service.

3. Peace Institute, while not under direct Church control, has a long record of usefulness to the Presbyterian Church, and was more prosperous last year than in any year of her history. Your Committee would again urge upon the Synod to take such steps as may secure permanent Church ownership and control over that school. We are informed that the Presbyteries of Albemarle and Orange have taken this school under their joint care and supervision.

4. The four Presbyterial Female Colleges and Institutes, Red Springs Seminary, of Fayetteville Presbytery ; The James Sprunt Institute, of Wilmington Presbytery ; The College for Women in Charlotte, and the Statesville Female College, both under the joint control of Concord and

Mecklenburg Presbyteries ; all did successful and valuable service to the Church the last year, and Red Springs Seminary had a success which was phenomenal. These schools all need larger means and appliances in order to supply all the Church's demands in the education of her daughters, and in order to maintain a fair and honorable competition with the State.

5. In the matter of academies and high schools for preparatory work there has been some progress, but much remains to be done and there is an open door in our large country congregations and smaller towns and villages, while in our larger towns and cities there is a quiet but growing demand for something better than they enjoy. Your Committee thinks that the Assembly's Constitution for Church Schools furnishes a working model by which the best success may be secured, either singly or by the co-operation of two or more churches.

6. The Mission School has taken a firm hold on the mind and heart of our Synod, and our fixed policy will be to carry the Christian teacher wherever the mission preacher goes, both in the new fields and the older districts. Your Committee will not undertake to trace the increase and success of mission school work, but the Synod will receive much information from the home missionaries themselves who are foremost in this work.

7. Contributions : It will be seen from the financial statement that one hundred and twenty churches, and doubtless more have contributed to this cause during the Synodical year. This marks a steady increase. Much has been also contributed directly to the mission schools proper, of which this Committee has received no report, to say nothing of the voluntary service rendered by teachers, some with nominal compensation, and some with none at all.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Churches in the different Presbyteries contributed as follows :

9	churches in	Albemarle	Presbytery	$ 55.26
6	"	Wilmington	"	32.01
11	"	Concord	"	72.02
32	"	Fayetteville	"	100.34
30	"	Mecklenburg	"	362.16
22	"	Orange	"	229.80
		Total collections		$851.59

Church and Christian Education.

Distributed as follows:

Printing and postage	$ 7.00
Jas. Sprunt Institute	14.03
Red Springs Seminary	39.13
Mecklenburg Presbytery's work	362.16
Orange Presbytery's work	229.80
Asheville Presbytery Mission Schools	40.00
To Davidson College	149.47
	$851.59

Special amounts reported:

7 churches in Concord Presbytery to maintain Mission Schools	$ 165.68
Special at Davidson College	300.00
Total reported	$1,317.27

9. This Committee would recommend:

1. That Synod formally approve and adopt the Assembly's paper on Church and Christian Education in lieu of previous action and spread the "Constitution for Presbyterian Church Schools" and the "Plan of Organization" on their minutes for convenience of reference, and also reappoint the Committee on Church and Christian Education under the Assembly's paper.

2. That Synod make the same apportionment for this cause as heretofore, to-wit: Orange, $250.00; Concord, $300.00; Fayetteville, $300.00; Wilmington, $200.00; Mecklenburg, $300.00; Albemarle, $100.00; Asheville, $50.00; total, $1,500.00.

10. Your Agent and Chairman will send the usual circular to the churches unless otherwise directed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SHEARER,

Agent and Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

Your Committee would report as follows :

Last year is signalized in the annual report of the American Bible Society as one of the notable years in its history. There was some change in the personnel of the administration of its affairs ; new fields were to be occupied and the final issue was looked forward to with some degree of anxiety. However, good results were realized—the most flattering one of which is the indication of fresh interest in the work of the Society on the part of the Christian public.

With regard to the work in general, it seems that there is a grand opportunity before the Society—such as has never been presented hitherto in the whole history of the church. This is true (1) because of the unprecedented popularity of the Bible throughout the world, requiring according to the most recent estimate, 10,000,000 of copies annually to meet the demands ; (2) because of the new fields that are opening in nearly all of the papal and pagan lands ; (3) because of the improved facilities for reaching the fields. Bible Societies are establishing world-wide agencies by which, with sufficient funds, they would effectually serve the church in her work of saving the nations.

We would lay particular emphasis on the encouraging features of the work at present. Last year the contributions from the living exceeded $100,000, which shows that the tide is turning toward the Society and its work ; the Society now has its agents in Cuba and Porto Rico ; and an agent is now under appointment for the Philippines. In China the American Bible Society alone circulated over 438,000 copies of the Scriptures in 1898.

In view of this glorious record, and the bright prospect opening up for yet greater usefulness just ahead, the Bible Society invites a most hearty and enthusiastic support from all who are interested in the circulation of the Word of God. But especially does the appeal go forth "to Christian churches of every name to recognize the work of the Society by an annual contribution to its treasury."

Bible Cause.

Now what has this Synod done in the way of responding to this cordial invitation? The statistics reply as follows:

In Albemarle Presbytery	6	churches	out of	31	report	. . . . .	$ 45.00
" Asheville "	1	church	out of	20	"	. . . . .	7.00
" Concord "	13	churches	out of	28	"	. . . . .	58.00
" Fayetteville "	24	"	"	80	"	. . . . .	78.00
" Mecklenburg "	27	"	"	73	"	. . . . .	129.00
" Orange "	16	"	"	56	"	. . . . .	91.00
" Wilmington "	8	"	"	48	"	. . . . .	49.00

Ninety-five out of 366 contributed to this cause $457.00 last year.

These things ought not so to be. Therefore, that our reports may henceforth present a better appearance, and above all, that we may more efficiently aid this grand world-wide work for Christ, we offer the following recommendations: (See Minutes.)

REPORT OF REGENTS OF ORPHANS' HOME.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

In presenting the annual report for the eleventh year of your Orphans' Home, the Board of Regents are glad to say that the blessing of God has rested upon the institution, and that gratifying progress has been made in the work. Enlarged accomodations have made it possible to receive a larger number of children, and improvements have been made in methods of teaching and government.

The health of the inmates has been generally very good, and good order and harmony have prevailed. We are, however, sorry to report that for the first time in seven years, one of our children has been removed by death. The improvement of the children in deportment, in physical development, and in intellectual attainments has been gratifying. They will bear favorable comparison with an equal body of children gathered anywhere.

One of our advanced girls, through the liberality of the Christian workers of Gastonia and elsewhere, was last year enabled to enter the Red Springs Seminary. She is there this year also and is making commendable progress in her studies. One of our advanced boys is nearly ready for college, has an ardent desire for a classical education, and we hope that some friend or group of friends will open the way for his entrance into college at an early day.

A healthful religious influence prevails in the Home. Fourteen of the children have been received into Church communion the past year, while still others give hopeful evidence of conversion, and all the professing Christians are living consistently.

During the past year 132 children have been enrolled against 100 last year—an increase of 32. 36 were received and 18 passed out of the Home. Of the whole number 57 are boys and 75 girls.

The hours of five days in each week are divided between study and labor—four hours and a half in the morning and one hour in the evening—from 7 to 8 o'clock—being given to study. The afternoons and Saturdays are given to manual labor.

Religious services are conducted every Sabbath morning in the chapel

by the Superintendent, and Sabbath school is held in the afternoon. Daily morning prayers are held in the chapel, but evening prayers are observed by the separate families in their own houses. The Superintendent and his co-laborers are devoted to their great work.

NEW IMPROVEMENTS.

The Executive Committee reports the completion, furnishing and occupancy of the new building for boys erected by the generous kindness of Mrs. S. P. Lees, of New York City, and named after her. It is one of the handsomest, most convenient and substantial buildings on the grounds, and capable of accommodating twenty-five boys, with their teacher and matron. Its cost was $3,661, and it is equal, if not superior, to the other two cottages that cost nearly $5,000 each. The building is arranged for heating by a furnace, but the apparatus for heating has not yet been put in, and we look to our Christian people to supply the means for its purchase. It will cost in the neighborhood of $150, probably.

NEW LANDS.

The Regents, for several years, have felt the need of some additional lands for cultivation. Providentially a tract of 95 acres, adjoining our lands, east of the railroad, quite level, well watered, with about half of it covered with a good forest growth of timber, came into the market. As it was entirely suitable for our purpose, and the only lands nearby that were likely to come into market for years to come, at a reasonable price, the Regents were convinced that the opportunity should not be lost, and therefore purchased it. The price was $1,000 ; $250 cash, and the rest in two installments of $375 each, payable the 1st of January, 1900, and the 1st of January, 1901, respectively. The cash has been paid ; the two notes to be paid at the time stated. We have thus secured about 50 acres of good farming and grazing land, with a desirable forest growth for future use.

NEW BUILDINGS NEEDED.

The Synod, last year, authorized and encouraged the Board of Regents to solicit contributions from our people to erect a cottage for our Superintendent and his family, and when the necessary funds were in hand,

the Regents were instructed to erect a suitable building. The Regents appointed a committee to endeavor to raise the necessary funds, but because of the illness of one of the committee, and the inability of the other to leave his appointed work, no regular effort was made. There was received a legacy of $500, which was set aside for building purposes, and there were some other funds that could be appropriated to that purpose. The building committee has made about $500 worth of brick and purchased about $150 worth of slate—enough to build the walls and cover it with a substantial roof. And so with the $250 paid for lands, about $900 have been paid out for substantial additions to our property. It will probably require $800 or $1,000 to erect and complete the building. It is the earnest desire of the Regents to erect this building at the earliest practicable moment, and whenever it shall seem expedient and practicable they will solicit funds for this purpose.

The Regents respectfully report that they have raised among themselves and from their friends $170 for supplying a much needed range for the cooking department of the Home, and the Superintendent is directed to make the purchase and put the range in place. This will be a great convenience to our worthy girls who work in the culinary department. This sum is probably more than will be needed to purchase the range, but there are certain necessary alterations to be made in the cooking department that will require about $200, including the cost of the range.

THE TREASURY.

Our treasurer, Mr. P. M. Brown, of Charlotte, after having his books audited and approved by an appointed committee, has presented his annual report in the form of an abstract. The report is present and open to the inspection of all who may desire to see it. It recites that the total on hand, at the beginning of the year, and the total receipts during the year amounted to $8,049.13. The total expenditures, $,3048.36, leaving, October 1, 1899, an unexpended balance of 77 cents.

THE SUPPORT FUND.

Your Treasurer reports total receipts for the Support Fund (less $15.05 shortage of last year)	$5,597.73
Total disbursements for the year	6,256.10
Short on Support Fund	658.37

That is, our people failed $658.37 to contribute enough to support the children entrusted to our care. This shortage was made good by using the accumulated earnings of the Press Department, viz. : $678.20.

THE BUILDING FUND.

Balance and receipts for Building Fund	$1,703.75
Total Disbursements	1,722.81
Leaving a shortage of	19.06

This also was made good by an appropriation from the Press Fund.

THE PRESS FUND.

The Press Fund has proven to be the only solvent part of our financial scheme.

The balance on hand and receipts for the Press Fund were	$ 747.65
Total disbursements	69.45
Balance on hand, October 1	$ 678.20

To recapitulate, this report shows a shortage on the

Support Fund of	$ 658.37
A shortage in the Building Fund of	19.06
A surplus on the Press Fund of.	678.20
Leaving a balance in Treasury, October 1, 1899, of	.77

From this analysis of the report two things are evident :

1. One of these is, that it is our duty to foster and encourage the Press Department of our work. With a poor, worn-out press, that often breaks down, our boys earn twice as much as is expended for that department. It is eminently desirable that we should have an entirely new printing outfit at an early day, and that a little better paper should be used, so as to make the sheet more legible. Otherwise the paper is what is needed, a brief record of the Home happenings at Barium Springs.

2. Another truth is evident, that is, that our people are not responding to the claims of the Home as its needs require. The number of orphans has been increased from 100 to 132, and yet the churches do not increase their gifts. The Synod directed that a collection be taken up in every church on or near the second Sabbath of June. And yet the Treasurer's books show that only 15 or 20 more churches than before, out of our 358

churches, pay any special attention to the Synod's direction. Having expended $658 more than was contributed to this cause the past year, even all but 77 cents that was on hand for all purposes, and with 32 per cent. more children to maintain than the past year, there is but one course left, to dismiss from the institution a considerable portion of the needy children gathered there, unless our Synod can find some method of arousing our people to perform their duty.

REPORT ON PROPERTY.

The Board of Regents have looked over the property of the Home and are pleased to report that the grounds and buildings are in excellent condition and present a beautiful prospect to all who pass by. The property has increased in value, and with the additions before mentioned, would be all that is required for carrying on your noble work. Your property, with estimated value, is as follows :

One hundred and ninety-four acres of land . . .	$ 2,328
Three furnished cottages	14,760
Infirmary and furnishing	1,400
Outbuildings, cattle, etc.	2,500
Rumple Hall and furnishing	11,500
	$32,480

Being an increase of $2,280 over the valuation of last year. From this must be subtracted $750, the balance due for the land purchased and a few outstanding bills.

OUR FUTURE SUPPORT.

The Regents are persuaded that the great question that confronts us at the present time is how to increase the support fund so as to meet the present demands? We suggest the following :

1. To meet the present emergency that our ministers and sessions take steps to make an immediate contribution for this object.

2. That all of our churches be urged to make the Thanksgiving contribution larger than ever before.

3. That collections in supplies of provision be made and forwarded as soon as practicable.

Orphans' Home.

4. That monthly contributions be made in all our churches or Sabbath schools.

5. That on all holiday occasions our people be urged to remember the orphans.

6. That the collection on or near the second Sabbath of June be observed universally.

7. That our ministers be urged to remember the Orphans' Home in their public prayers.

REAPPOINTMENT OF REGENTS.

The fifth class of Regents goes out in 1899, and their places are to be supplied by the Synod at the present meeting. The class consists of Mr. S. C. Rankin, of Mooresville, N. C., and Mr. P. M. Brown, of Charlotte, N. C.

Respectfully submitted: J. RUMPLE,
President of Board of Regents.

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 11th, 1899.

Sabbath Schools.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

Your Committee respectfully present the following report :

First, statistical :

PRESBYTERIES.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Churches in Presbyteries.	Churches not Reporting.	Received on Prof. of Faith from S. S.	Holding S. S. Conventions.	Amt. given to Benevolent Causes.	Amt. raised for Own Use.	Total Amount Raised.
Albemarle		181	1286				1			
Asheville		45	1016							
Concord	58	515	4176	58	10	134		6.23	7.33	13.55
Fayetteville . . .	79	524	4143	80	24	134		6.25	8.67	14.82
Mecklenburg. . .		705	5606							
Orange	51	429	3642	56	13	196	1	7.14	12.17	19.31
Wilmington . . .		172	1288				1			
Total		2571	21,157							

Second, remarks : This report shows a slight increase in the number of officers and teachers, and a slight decrease in the number of scholars. It would appear that while the membership of the Synod is increasing. the membership of the Sabbath Schools is not.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COLORED EVANGELIZATION.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Colored Evangelization would present the following report:

The contributions of the churches of the Synod to this cause for the year ending April 1st, 1899, were $369 less than for the year previous. The total amount was $1,217, distributed as follows:

PRESBYTERY.	CONTRIBUTING CHURCHES.	AMOUNT.	NON-CONTRIBUTING CHURCHES.
Albemarle . .	16	$114.00	15
Asheville . . .	6	36.00	14
Concord . . .	30	144.00	28
Fayetteville .	41	159.00	39
Mecklenburg .	45	335.00	28
Orange . . .	31	328.00	25
Wilmington .	11	101.00	37
Total . .	180	$1,217.00	186

(1) Thus it appears that more than one-half of the churches of this Synod failed to give anything for the instruction or evangelization of the negro race—being 29 more than the number of churches which failed to give last year. The Synod deplores this seeming neglect of, and lack of interest in this grand work to which God has undoubtedly called us; and solemnly enjoins that a collection be taken in every church at the approaching "December collections."

(2) The Synod resolves to undertake to raise its proportionate part of the $15,000, asked by the Assembly, for the prosecution of this work during the current year.

(3) The Synod most earnestly entreats every pastor seriously to consider his personal responsibility for the religious instruction of the negro population in his own community, and urges all our pastors and sessions

to concoct measures for the conduct of Sabbath schools and the establishment of churches wherever there seems to be an open door.

(4) The Synod would emphasize, as the Assembly has done, the importance of a personal ministry to the negroes employed in domestic service in our own home, suggesting that provision be made, as far as practicable, for their religious instruction as members of our household, as was formerly so faithfully done by our fathers in the years gone by.

(5) The Synod admonishes every pastor, officer and member of all our churches to seek, by earnest prayer to God, wisdom to know and grace and courage to do his whole duty in the matter of giving the Gospel to the negro.

(6) Finally, the Synod puts on record an expression of its appreciation of the earnest, faithful and soul-stirring presentation of this cause made at this meeting by the Assembly's Secretary, the Rev. D. Clay Lilly, of Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. ROSE,
Chairman.

D.

STANDING RULES OF SYNOD.

Revised November, 1893.

I.—OF ENROLLMENT, ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE.

1. The Stated Clerk, the pastor of the church in which the Synod holds its annual session and the delegates of the session of said church shall constitute a Committee of Enrollment, who shall, at a convenient hour before the opening of the Synod, prepare the roll of the Synod. And to the Committee of Enrollment shall each member report for enrollment upon appearing at Synod.

2. It shall be the duty of each member, unless released by a vote of the Synod, when providentially prevented from attending the Synod, to address a letter to the Moderator, stating reasons for his detention.

3. The Moderator shall at every meeting appoint a standing committee on Leave of Absence. To this committee all excuses for absence or late attendance, and for the latter, on the part of ruling elders as well as ministers, shall be rendered. The roll shall be called before final adjournment, and those absent without permission shall be called to answer for such irregularity.

II.—OF THE OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES OF SYNOD.

4. A majority of all the votes given shall be necessary in the election of the officers of the Synod.

5. The Treasurer shall submit to the Synod annually his book, together with a report of receipts and expenditures, presenting vouchers for the same.

6. The Trustees of Synod shall be elected every four years, and they shall present annually a full written report of the funds in their hands.

7. Agents shall be appointed on each of the following departments of the Church's work, viz.: Foreign Missions, Sustentation, Education, Publication, Evangelistic Labor and Sabbath Schools. And it shall be

the duty of these Agents to take into consideration the whole field committed to their supervision, and to present at each meeting of Synod a written report of all that is doing within the bounds of Synod on the subjects severally assigned to them. The Agents of these respective subjects, or chairmen of committees, in the several Presbyteries, shall forward to the Synodical Agents such reports as are needful in the preparation of their reports to the Synod; and the Synod shall appoint Orders of the Day for each of these causes at each annual meeting. In connection with the Orders for Evangelistic Labor, the Synod will hear reports from Presbyterial Agents and Evangelists, and in connection with the consideration of Foreign Missions, a collection may also be taken for this object.

III.—OF COMMITTEES.

8. A Standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting to whom the Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries shall be referred, and this committee shall condense the same and report to the Synod any matter contained in these reports calling for action by this body.

9. A Standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting to whom the reports of the Presbyteries on Systematic Beneficence shall be referred, and this committee shall condense the same and report to the Synod recommending any action called for on this subject. The Presbyterial Reports shall cover the fiscal year of the Assembly.

10. A Standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting to examine the Synodical Records and report thereon.

IV.—OF THE STATED CLERK AND THE MINUTES.

11. The Stated Clerk shall forward to the Librarian of Union Theological Seminary and the Librarian of Davidson College, the Secretary of the Presbyterian Historical Society and the Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Society, a copy of the Minutes of the Synod as published annually.

12. He shall issue and sign certificates whenever necessary for the return of members and their families on the railroads of the State to their homes.

13. The Stated Clerk shall publish in the Appendix to the printed

Minutes the reports of the Presbyteries furnishing statistics to the Synod; the statistics of the annual reports of the Synodical Agents, when approved by the Synod, requesting, on behalf of the Synod, the publication of the full reports in the "North Carolina Presbyterian;" a list of the officers and appointees of the Synod; the Standing Rules of the Synod, and a Docket of the business of the Synod at its next annual meeting.

14. The Stated Clerk shall publish in the Appendix to the printed Minutes, at least once in five years, the names of Ruling Elders and Deacons, with their respective post-offices, belonging to the churches composing the Synod; and the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries shall forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod the information necessary for the execution of this rule.

V.—MISCELLANEOUS.

15. The Parliamentary Rules adopted by the General Assembly for 1886, and since that time observed by them, shall be the rules for the guidance of this Synod.

16. The Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, appointed by this Synod, shall render excuse to the Synod for non-attendance on any meeting of the Board, and if so absent without assigning sufficient excuse, his seat in the Board will be declared vacant.

17. The election of Stated Clerk and Synodical Agents shall be held in 1886, and every three years thereafter—the former to enter upon his duties at the opening of the Synod immediately succeeding that at which he is elected, and the latter to enter upon their duties immediately after the adjournment of the Synod which elected them. (Minutes 1883, page 240.)

18. It was made a Standing Rule that the Roll be called at the opening of the Synod, that those who have been enrolled by the Committee of Enrollment may answer to their names. (Minutes 1885, page 612.)

19. The Committee on Leave of Absence was instructed not to grant leave of absence except for urgent reasons, and the Stated Clerk was directed to enter this action upon the Docket of the next Synod for information and caution to members of the committee and of the Synod. (Minutes of 1885, page 615.)

Standing Rules.

20. When a vacancy occurs by death, resignation or removal beyond our bounds, in any of the offices of Synod (including the Stated Clerk, Agents and Directors of Union Theological Seminary) the Moderator is empowered to fill such vacancy until the next meeting of Synod, except in the case of those officers who are the heads of Synodical Committees, when the committee shall fill the vacancy. (Minutes 1891, page 579.)

21. Memorials of deceased ministers shall be read on Friday morning at each meeting of the Synod.

22. RESOLVED, That the Standing Orders of Synod be revised as follows:

(1.) That the Synodical Communion be held at 11 a. m. on the second day.

(2.) That the popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions be held Wednesday night.

(3.) That the popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions be held Thursday night.

(4.) That Friday night be given alternately to Sunday Schools and Colored Evangelization. (Minutes 1894, page 260.)

23. RESOLVED, That it be made a Standing Rule of this Synod that the Moderator shall, when occasion requires, upon the death of a minister, in the interim of meetings of the body, appoint a committee of one minister to prepare a memorial minute or sketch of the deceased, to be read in the Synod ensuing and spread upon its records; and that the Stated Clerk of the Synod be charged with the duty of reporting to the Moderator such deaths as they occur.

E.

GENERAL DIRECTORY.

Moderators of the Synod of North Carolina.

	MODERATORS.	PLACE OF MEETING.
1813	*Rev. Robert H. Chapman	Alamance church.
1814	*Rev. Samuel C. Caldwell	Thyatira church.
1815	*Rev. Wm. McPheeters	Fayetteville.
1816	*Rev. John Robinson	Raleigh.
1817	No meeting—no quorum present	Rocky River.
1818	*Rev. Joseph Caldwell, D. D.	Fayetteville.
1819	*Rev. Johnathan Ottis Freeman, D. D.	Raleigh.
1820	*Rev. Wm. Paisley	Poplar Tent.
1821	*Rev. John M. Wilson	Salisbury.
1822	*Rev. John Robinson	Hillsborough.
1823	*Rev. John Witherspoon	Fayetteville.
1824	*Rev. Colin McIver	Statesville.
1825	*Rev. John B. Davis	Greensborough.
1826	*Rev. Wm. McPheeters, D. D.	Fayetteville.
1827	*Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D	Salisbury.
	[The Stated Clerk has no record of this and the two succeeding meetings.]	
1828	*Rev. Lemuel D. Hatch	Raleigh.
1829	*Rev. John Williamson	Fayetteville.
1830	*Rev. Samuel L. Graham	Hopewell.
1831	*Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich	Hillsborough.
1832	*Rev. Samuel Williamson	Salisbury.
1833	*Rev. Henry A. Rowland	Wilmington.
1834	*Rev. James W. Douglas	Oxford.
1835	*Rev. Henry N. Pharr	Salisbury,
1836	*Rev. Joseph Brown	Fayetteville.
1837	*Rev. N. H. Harding	Shiloh.
1838	*Rev. Stephen Frontis	Third Creek church.
1839	*Rev. Daniel A. Penick	Lincolnton.

*Deceased.

Moderators of Synod.

	MODERATORS.	PLACE OF MEETING.
1840	*Rev. Alexander Wilson, D. D.	Danville, Va.
1841	*Rev. William N. Peacock	Fayetteville.
1842	*Rev. Walter S. Pharr	Poplar Tent.
1843	*Rev. James Phillips	Raleigh.
1844	*Rev. Simeon Colton	Fayetteville.
1845	*Rev. Samuel Williamson	Charlotte.
1846	*Rev. Drury Lacy	Greensborough.
1847	*Rev. Evander McNair	Fayetteville.
1848	*Rev. Cyrus Johnston	Salisbury.
1849	*Rev. John A. Gretter	Hillsborough.
1850	*Rev. Adam Gilchrist	Centre.
1851	*Rev. Archibald Baker	Rocky River.
1852	*Rev. Wm. N. Mebane	Danville, Va.
1853	*Rev. Hector McLean	Wilmington.
1854	*Rev. A. L. Watts	Concord.
1855	*Rev. Eli W. Caruthers, D. D.	Greensborough.
1856	*Rev. Neill McKay, D. D.	Fayetteville.
1857	*Rev. Walter W. Pharr	Charlotte.
1858	*Rev. Jacob Doll	New Berne.
1859	*Rev. F. K. Nash	Wilmington.
1860	*Rev. R. H. Lafferty	Statesville.
1861	*Rev. Edward Hines	Raleigh.
1862	*Rev. John M. Sherwood	Goldsborough.
1863	*Rev. R. N. Davis	Salisbury.
1864	*Rev. A. G. Hughes	Greensborough.
1865	*Rev. Colin Shaw	Fayetteville.
1866	*Rev. R. Hett Chapman, D. D.	Charlotte.
1867	*Rev. Archibald Currie	New Berne.
1868	*Rev. D. D. McBryde	Wilmington.
1869	*Rev. Jessie Rankin	Morganton.
1870	*Rev. R. A. Stanford	Raleigh.
1871	*Rev. J. P. McPherson	Fayetteville.
1872	*Rev. Arnold W. Miller, D. D.	Charlotte.
1873	*Rev. James M. Sprunt	Wilmington.
1874	*Rev. J. Rumple, D. D.	Concord.
1875	*Rev. P. H. Dalton	Greensborough.

*Deceased.

Moderators of Synod.

	MODERATORS.	PLACE OF MEETING.
1876	*Rev. Martin McQueen	Fayetteville.
1877	*Rev. John Douglas	Charlotte.
1878	Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.	Goldsborough.
1879	*Rev. E. F. Rockwell, D. D.	Statesville.
1880	*Rev. J. Henry Smith, D. D.	Raleigh.
1881	Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.	Salisbury.
1882	Rev. L. McKinnon, D. D.	Asheville.
1883	Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D.	Wilmington.
1884	*Rev. P. T. Penick	Winston.
1885	*Rev. J. C. Alexander	Reidsville.
1886	Rev. J. W. Primrose, D. D.	Concord.
1887	Rev. R. Z. Johnston	Fayetteville.
1888	*Hon. A. M. Scales	Goldsborough.
1889	Rev. J. M. Wharey, D. D.	Charlotte.
1890	Rev. Alexander Sprunt, D. D.	Wilmington.
1891	Rev. W. E. McIlwain	Durham.
1892	Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D.	Statesville.
1893	Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D.	Tarboro.
1894	Rev. W. B. Arrowood	Greensborough.
1895	Rev. Eugene Daniel, D. D.	Fayetteville.
1896	Rev. A. D. McClure	New Berne.
1897	Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D.	Salisbury.
1898	Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.	Gastonia.
1899	Rev. Wm. Black	Asheville.

*Deceased.

Officers and Appointees of Synod.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

To go out in 1903.

Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., Rev. P. R. Law,
Dr. H. L. Smith, Ruling Elder.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

To go out in 1902.

Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., Rev. A. McFadyen.
Mr. Geo. W. Watts, Ruling Elder.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

To go out in 1901.

Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., Rev. J. B. Morton,
Mr. B. F. Hall, Ruling Elder.

FOURTH CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

To go out in 1900.

Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.,
Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, Ruling Elder.

SYNODICAL COMMITTEES AND AGENTS.

To go out in 1901.

Foreign Missions . . . . . Rev. A. T. Graham, Chairman.
Church and Christian Education . Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., Agt. and Chm.
Education for Ministry . . . . . Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., Agent.
Colored Evangelization . . . . . Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., Chairman.
Bible Cause . . . . . Rev. H. S. Bradshaw, Chairman.
Publication and Colportage . . . Rev. R. D. Stimson, Chairman.
Sabbath Schools . . . . . Rev. A. A. Little, Chairman.
Assembly's Home Missions . . . Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., Agent.

TREASURER OF SYNOD.

Rev. J. Alston Ramsay, D. D. . . . . Hickory, N. C.

Officers and Appointees of Synod.

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD TO SERVE FOUR YEAR.

To go out in 1903.

Dr. J. R. Irwin (Chairman) . . . . . Charlotte.
Col. J. B. Rankin . . . . . Charlotte.
Mr. J. C. Burroughs . . . . . Charlotte.
Mr. R. M. Oates . . . . . Charlotte.
Hon. A. C. Avery. . . . . Morganton.
Mr. D. F. Cannon . . . . . Concord.
Mr. F. A. Sherrill . . . . . Statesville.

STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Orange—Rev. D. I. Craig . . . . . Reidsville.
Concord—Rev. W. R. McLelland . . . . . Statesville.
Fayetteville—Rev. P. R. Law . . . . . Lumber Bridge.
Wilmington—Rev. A. McFadyen . . . . . Clarkton.
Mecklenburg—Rev. J. W. Siler . . . . . Davenport.
Albemarle—Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D. . . . . Elizabeth City.
Asheville—Rev. E. A. Sample . . . . . Hendersonville.

REGENTS OF ORPHANS' HOME.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE FIVE YEARS.

To go out in 1904.

Mr. S. C. Rankin, Mr. P. M. Brown.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

To go out in 1903.

Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., Rev. D. I. Craig.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

To go out in 1902.

Rev. C. G. Vardell, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.

FOURTH CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

To go out in 1901.

Geo. W. Watts, Esq. Rev. J. W. Stagg, D. D.

FIFTH CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

To go out in 1900.

Rev. W. R. McLelland. M. W. Hill, M. D.

REGENTS OF SOUTH ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

To go out in 1902.

Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

To go out in 1901.

Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

To go out in 1900.

Mr. J. F. Love.

DIRECTORS OF COLORED INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

REV. L. B. TURNBULL, D. D., Chairman.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

To go out in 1902.

Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Rev. A. J. McKelway,
Rev. R. E. Caldwell, Mr. G. W. Montcastle.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

To go out in 1901.

Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., Rev. E. W. Smith, D. D.,
Mr. J. M. Rogers, Mr. A. M. Scales.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

To go out in 1900.

Rev. C. A. Munroe, Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D.,
Rev. C. G. Vardell, Mr. A. A. Finley

PERMANENT COMMITTEES OF SYNOD.

Committee on Foreign Missions.

Rev. A. T. GRAHAM, Chairman.

Orange—Rev. R. E. Caldwell, Mr. Geo. W. Watts.
Concord—Rev. A. T. Graham, Prof. H. L. Smith.
Fayetteville—Rev. A. J. McKelway, Mr. J. C. McCaskill.
Wilmington—Rev. R. V. Lancaster, Mr. W. H. Sprunt.
Mecklenburg—Rev. T. M. Lowry, Rev. W. R. Minter.
Albemarle—Rev. C. M. Payne, D. D., Mr. J. B. Sparrow.
Asheville—Rev. A. Walker White.

Committee on Synodical Missions.

Rev. E. E. GILLESPIE, Superintendent.

Orange Presbytery—Rev. R. W. Culbertson, Mr. J. M. Rogers.
Concord—Rev. C. A. Munroe, Mr. J. G. Hall.
Fayetteville—Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Dr. J. W. McNeill.
Wilmington—Rev. A. D. McClure, Mr. B. F. Hall.
Mecklenburg—Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., Mr. A. G. Brenizer.
Albemarle—Rev. J. B. Morton, Mr. J. R. Young.
Asheville—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Mr. W. A. Blair.

Committee on Church and Christian Education.

Rev. J. B. SHEARER, D. D., Agent.

Orange Presbytery—Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D.
Concord—Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., Mr. G. P. Erwin.
Fayetteville—Rev. P. R. Law, Mr. L. Shaw.
Wilmington—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, Mr. W. H. Sprunt.
Mecklenburg—Mr. George E. Wilson, Rev. A. A. Little.
Albemarle—Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., Mr. W. S. Primrose.
Asheville—Rev. S. C. Caldwell, Mr. J. D. Murphy.

Permanent Committees of Synod.

Committee on Bible Cause.

Rev. H. S. BRADSHAW, Chairman.

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Fayetteville—Rev. Hugh Craig.
Mecklenburg—Rev. Geo. A. Sparrow.
Orange—Rev. H. D. Lequeux.
Wilmington—Rev. R. M. Williams.
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Wilmington—Rev. A. V. Lancaster.
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Fayetteville—Rev. C. H. Dobbs, Jr.
Wilmington—Rev. S. H. Isler.
Mecklenburg—Rev. R. D. Stimson.
Albemarle—Rev. E. Daniel, D. D.
Asheville—Rev. E. Mac Davis.

ROLL OF MINISTERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

1899.

I.—Orange Presbytery.

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
1	A. Currie	Hillsboro.
2	D. I. Craig	Reidsville.
3	E. W. Smith, D. D.	Greensboro.
4	R. W. Culbertson	Mebane.
5	J. McL. Seabrook	Greensboro.
6	R. E. Caldwell	Winston.
7	C. W. Robinson	North Wilkesboro.
8	L. B. Turnbull, D. D.	Durham.
9	D. I. Currie	Chapel Hill.
10	H. S. Bradshaw	Hillsboro.
11	H. D. Lequeux	Greensboro.
12	W. P. McCorkle	Graham.
13	R. W. George	Francisco.
14	M. W. Doggett, D. D.	Burlington.
15	Joseph Evans	Milton.
16	E. C. Murray, D. D.	Mebane.
17	E. E. Gillespie	Jefferson.
18	J. A. Paisley	Madison.
19	S. H. Williamson	Yanceyville.
20	B. B. Palmer (colored)	Semora.
21	W. A. Gillon	Lexington.
22	S. S. Oliver	Danbury.
23	R. L. Wharton	Cuba.
24	J. W. Goodman	High Point.
25	C. E. Hodgin	Greensboro.
26	Allen Jones, Jr	Jefferson.
27	Cornelius Miller	Danbury.

II.—Concord Presbytery.

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
1	J. Rumple, D. D.	Salisbury.
2	Wm. W. Pharr, D. D.	Mooresville.

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
3	W. A. Wood, D. D.	Statesville.
4	John W. Davis, D. D.	Soochow, China.
5	J. M. Wharey, D. D.	Mooresville.
6	J. A. Ramsay, D. D.	Hickory.
7	B. L. Beall	Greensboro.
8	C. A. Munroe	Lenoir.
9	L. McKinnon, D. D.	Clinton.
10	W. R. McLelland	Statesville.
11	R. S. Arrowood	Woodleaf.
12	J. B. Shearer, D. D.	Davidson.
13	E. E. Pressly	Scott's.
14	A. T. Graham	Davidson.
15	R. W. Boyd	Barium Springs.
16	W. H. White	Marion.
17	J. C. Kennedy	Mt. Mourne.
18	J. A. Harris	Spruce Pine.
19	W. C. Alexander	Concord.
20	B. Soulier	Valdese.
21	L. A. McLaurin	Spruce Pine.
22	W. C. Brown	Fancy Hill.
23	W. J. Tidball	Taylorsville.
24	J. M. Greenlee	Marion.
25	Edgar Tufts	Banner Elk.
26	John Wakefield	Salisbury.
27	Geo. L. Cook	Concord.
28	J. F. Pharr	Mill Hill.
29	C. Preston	Concord.

III.—Fayetteville Presbytery.

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
1	H. G. Hill, D. D.	Maxton.
2	David Fairley	Manchester.
3	A. N. Ferguson	Laurinburg.
4	K. M. McIntyre	Endicott.
5	J. S. Black	Athens.
6	P. R. Law	Lumber Bridge.
7	K. A. McLeod	Endicott.

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
8	W. F. Thom	Ore Hill.
9	M. N. McIver	Rockingham.
10	D. W. Fox	Rockingham.
11	A. J. McKelway	Charlotte.
12	A. M. Hassell	Godwin.
13	M. D. McNeill	Sanford.
14	H. Craig	Plainview.
15	L. L. Little	Kiang Yiu, China.
16	W. R. Coppedge	Rockingham.
17	W. C. Buchanan	Nagoya, Japan.
18	C. G. Vardell	Red Springs.
19	A. McLaughlin	Mt. Gilead.
20	C. H. Dobbs, Jr.	Carthage.
21	H. T. Graham	Fayetteville.
22	R. W. Alexander	Reaford.
23	J. P. McMillan, D. D.	St. Paul's.
24	C. F. Rankin	Red Springs.
25	J. M. Rose, D. D.	Laurinburg.

IV.—Wilmington Presbytery.

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
1	Colin Shaw	Kinston.
2	James Kelly	Clarkton.
3	A. McFadyen	Clarkton.
4	Geo. W. McMillan	Whiteville.
5	J. D. Stanford	Kenansville.
6	J. J. Hines	Riverdale.
7	Peter McIntyre	Faisons.
8	A. D. McClure	Wilmington.
9	S. H. Isler	Goldsboro.
10	R. V. Lancaster	Kenansville.
11	P. C. Morton	Wilmington.
12	J. E. L. Winecoff	Vineland.
13	W. M. Shaw	Southport.
14	R. M. Williams	Wallace.
15	D. P. McGeachy	Burgaw.

V.—Mecklenburg Presbytery.

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
1	R. Z. Johnston	Lincolnton.
2	J. J. Kennedy	Lowesville.
3	R. A. Miller	Lowell.
4	J. R. McAlpine	Pineville.
5	S. C. Boyce	Wolfsville.
6	Roger Martin, D. D.	Uncas.
7	John W. Moore	Koochi, Japan.
8	George A. Sparrow	Begonia.
9	H. M. Dixon	Monroe.
10	J. M. Grier	Caldwell.
11	S. W. Newell	Newell.
12	Jesse W. Siler	Davenport.
13	William Black	Monroe.
14	R. P. Smith	Gastonia.
15	R. C. Morrison	Matthews.
16	M. C. Arrowood	Marshalville.
17	Jonas Barclay	Martindale.
18	A. A. Little	Shopton.
19	T. F. Boozer	Sunshine.
20	J. W. Stagg, D. D.	Charlotte.
21	R. D. Stimson	Hopewell.
22	T. M. Lowry	Shelby.
23	J. S. Shaw	Sandifer.
24	T. J. Allison	Charlotte.
25	J. R. Howerton, D. D.	Charlotte.
26	M. McG. Shields	Gastonia.
27	H. W. Hoon	Waxhaw.
28	W. R. Minter	Rutherfordton.
29	M. A. Henderson	Rutherfordton.
30	G. T. Thomson	Cottonwood.
31	W. A. Wynne	Charlotte.
32	J. A. Dorrittee	Charlotte.
33	S. H. Spencer	Morven.
34	T. C. Croker	Gastonia.
35	J. A. McMurray	Mint Hill.
36	A. H. Temple	Locust.

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
37	S. D. Cathey	Forest City.
38	J. J. Harrell	Martindale.
39	J. R. Millard	King's Mountain
40	J. R. Bridges	Charlotte.
41	W. O. Sample	Charlotte.

VI.—Albemarle Presbytery.

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
1	F. H. Johnston, D. D.	Elizabeth City.
2	E. Daniel, D. D	Raleigh.
3	C. N. Wharton	Warrenton.
4	F. W. Farries	Goldsboro.
5	W. T. Walker	Oxford.
6	C. M. Payne, D. D.	Washington.
7	J. B. Morton	Tarboro.
8	James Thomas	Wilson.
9	E. D. Brown	Kinston.
10	A. S. Caldwell	Oxford.
11	G. L. Leyburn, D. D.	Newbern.
12	A. R. Shaw	Henderson.
13	L. C. Vass	———, Africa.

VII.—Asheville Presbytery.

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
1	D. T. Towles	Crabtree.
2	E. A. Sample	Hendersonville.
3	J. T. Wade	Highlands.
4	R. F. Campbell, D. D.	Asheville.
5.	J. L. Wicker	Brevard.
6	J. B. Cochrane	Murphy.
7	S. C. Caldwell	Hendersonville.
8	E. Mac. Davis	Marshall.
9	A. Walker White	Bryson City.
10	H. R. Overcash	Swannanoa.
11	F. D. Hunt	Waynesville.
12	O. C. Weller	Black Mountain.

F.

DAILY ORDER OF BUSINESS.

(From 22nd Rule of the Rules of Parliamentary Order, Approved by the Synod. See Standing Rule 15.)

1. Prayer.
2. Minutes read.
3. Presentation of papers—
   (a) Communications addressed to the body.
   (b) Reports of Standing Committees.
   (c) Reports of Select Committees.
   (d) Resolutions.

[Each of which papers may, by unanimous consent, be taken up immediately on presentation; but if objection be made, it shall be docketed.]

4. The Unfinished Business in which the Court was engaged at the last preceding adjournment in preference to the Orders of the Day.

[But such Unfinished Business may, on motion, without debate, be laid on the table to proceed with the Special Order.]

5. The Order of the Day.
6. Regular Docket.

[Motions to elect officers, to appoint committees, and to enroll members, shall always be in order, unless a member is speaking or the Court is voting.]

NOTE.—If the Unfinished Business be laid on the table in order to proceed with the Order of the Day, when the order has been disposed of such Unfinished Business has precedence of the Regular Docket.

G.

DOCKET.

Of the Eighty-seventh Annual Session of the Synod of North Carolina, to be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, N. C., on Tuesday, November 14, 1900, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

I. Prayer.
II. Report of Committee of Enrollment.
III. Moderator Chosen.
IV. Temporary Clerks Chosen.
V. Minutes of Last Annual Meeting of Synod Read.
VI. Standing Committees Announced—
    1. Bills and Overtures.
    2. Judicial Committee.
    3. Address to the Churches on the State of Religion.
    4. Systematic Beneficence.
    5. Minutes of the General Assembly.
    6. Union Theological Seminary.
    7. Treasurer's Books.
    8. Report of the Trustees of Synod.
    9. Devotional Exercises.
    10. Statistical Report of the Presbyteries.
    11. Synodical Records.
    12. Leave of Absence.
VII. Committee to Review Records of Presbyteries Announced—
    1. Orange.
    2. Concord.
    3. Fayetteville.
    4. Wilmington.
    5. Mecklenburg.
    6. Albemarle.
    7. Asheville.
VIII. Excuse for Absence from last Meeting of Synod Referred.

Docket.

IX. Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries Referred—
1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.
6. Albemarle.
7. Asheville.

X. Narratives of the State of Religion Referred—
1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.
6. Albemarle.
7. Asheville.

XI. Reports of Presbyteries on Systematic Beneficence—
1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.
6. Albemarle.
7. Asheville.

XII. Report of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary Read and Referred.

XIII. Appointment of Directors of Union Theological Seminary Referred.
NOTE.—The term of office of the Fourth Class expires at this meeting of the Synod, viz.: Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., and Dr. E. Nye Hutchison.]

XIV. Synodical and Presbyterial Records Referred—
1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.
6. Albemarle.
7. Asheville.
8. The Synod.

Docket.

XV. Report of the Trustees of Synod (Dr. J. R. Irwin, Chairman) Read and Referred.

XVI. Report of the Treasurer of Synod Read and Referred.

XVII. Report of Board of Directors of Colored Industrial School (Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., Chairman.)

XVIII. Appointment of Orders of the Day.

XIX. Reports of Synodical Committees or Agents Read—

1. Synodical Missions—Rev. E. E. Gillespie, Superintendent.
2. Foreign Missions—Rev. A. T. Graham, Chairman.
3. Church and Christian Education—Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., Agent.
4. Colored Evangelization—Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., Chairman.
5. Bible Cause—Rev. H. S. Bradshaw, Chairman.
6. Education for the Ministry—Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., Agent.
7. Publication and Colportage—Rev. R. D. Stimson, Chairman.
8. Sabbath Schools—Rev. A. A. Little, Chairman.
9. Assembly's Home Missions—Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., Agent.

XX. Report of Committee on Chapel Hill—Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., Chairman.

XXI. Report of Regents of South Atlantic University.

XXII. Report of Synodical Historical Committee—Rev. J. A. Ramsay, D. D., Chairman.

XXIII. Report of Regents of Orphans' Home—Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., Chairman.

XXIV. Election of Superintendent of Synodical Home Missions.

XXV. Synodical Communion on Wednesday morning—Standing Rule 22.

XXVI. Place and Time of next Meeting of Synod.

XXVII. How many copies of Minutes shall be printed?

XXVIII. Roll call before Final Adjournment.

XXIX. Minutes Read and Approved.

XXX. Adjournment with Singing, Prayer and Apostolic Benediction.